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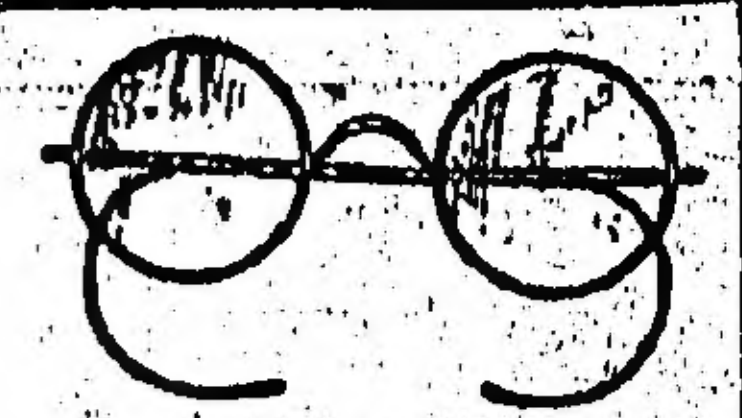
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To-day.

(March 19.)

Meeting of H.K. Development,
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Hall, 2.30 p.m.
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H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament:—
Open Singles: S. A. Rumjahn or
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"A": Robinson v. Rida, Valentine
v. Waring, W. MacDougall,
Nash v. Armstrong, Raiton v. E.
L. Price, W. N. Petch v. Holmes.
Helena May Institute Concert,
3.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Love in the
Rough."
World Theatre: "Ben Hur."
Star Theatre: "Student Prince."
Central Theatre: "Slightly Scar-
let."
European Mail.—Inward: Europe
via Negapatam (Soudan). Out-
ward: Europe via Siberia
(Graciosa), 4.30 p.m.

Friday.

(March 20.)

Victoria Diocesan and Mission
Association Meeting, 5.15 p.m.
H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament:—
Open Singles: T. Honda v. Ho Ka
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ship: R. K. Valentine or W. N.
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Remington v. Collis and Penn,
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Queen's Theatre: "Love in the
Rough."
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let."
European Mail.—Inward: Europe
via Siberia (Suva Maru). Out-
ward: Europe via Siberia
(Soudan), 6 p.m.

Saturday.

(March 21.)

Cricket:—Division I: Craigen-
gower C.C. v. Indian R.C. (L.),
Civil Service v. Royal Artillery
(L.), Navy v. Hong Kong C.C. (F.),
Division II: Hong Kong C.C. v.
R.A.S.C. (L.), Indian R.C. v.
Craigen-gower C.C. (L.), University
v. Kowloon C.C. (L.), University
v. Fencing.—Hong Kong Fencing
Club Tournament, 3.30 p.m.
Hockey.—Cair Clark Cup, Re-
creio v. St. Andrew's.
Queen's Theatre: "Love in the
Rough."
World Theatre: "Ben Hur."
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European Mail.—Outward:
Europe via Suez (Suva Maru), 9
a.m.

Sunday.

(March 22.)

10th in Lent.
Special Services, St. John's
Cathedral: 11 a.m. "Buddha or
Christ?" by Rev. G. K. Carpenter;
6.30 p.m. "Is Christian Morality
Final?" by Rev. H. V. Koop.

CHANGING JAPAN.

INDIVIDUALISM AND THE FAMILY
NATION IDEAL.

DEMOCRACY AND THE THRONE.

For many years past, especially since the Great War, Japan has been undergoing a tremendous process of Occidentalization, not only in externals which he who runs may see, but also in many another direction, writes J. C. Duff, New Tokyo correspondent. The cultures of America and Europe have flooded the country in varying degrees and in different measures of intensity. One great result of this impact of the dynamic civilization of the West on the calm and prim culture of the Ancient East is that Japan has received a new philosophy of life—that of individualism. This, again, has tended towards a new system of political philosophy—democracy—and one of the most interesting questions of to-day, thoughtful Japanese will tell you, is how far Japan is going to or can adapt this new philosophy of individualism and try to harmonize it with the traditional Japanese notion of collection based on the family idea, or, as the Japanese prefer to put it, on the basis of a "family nation."

A "Family Nation."
By this curious expression of "family nation," they mean the Japanese conception of the State—namely, that the whole nation is one family and all the citizens of the country members of one and the same family. Is this possible? Some gravely doubt it, declaring that, with the rise of capitalism and wage labour, elsewhere as here, there is now no particular reason why the individual should any longer subordinate himself to the family—however elastic may be the definition of "family." Will the family then—in the sense of the great economic institution of old—as it has all but done in, say, America?

That is the question which is seriously agitating the minds of some thoughtful Japanese, especially of the older school, who fear that individualism is far too rampant to-day; and it is this fear that hedges the Throne around with vigilant, unseen protectors who are empowered to act in emergencies just as they think the immediate circumstances demand.

Not Much Use for Democracy.
Democracy here, in other words, is not yet to be permitted to fend for itself, and controlling factors and ample safeguards are still thought necessary in the present stages of the political evolution of Japan. All the more so when it is remembered that, in olden times, the average Japanese had no political concept, whatever, was not permitted to have any, but was required to give, and yielded, unquestioning homage and submission to whoever was his immediate liege lord. The Japanese became more or less politically independent almost overnight, with no preparation worth the name, and in this respect there is a tremendous difference between the Japanese and any, the British or Americans.

The American Idea.

Individualism is spreading by leaps and bounds. This is discernible on every side, especially amongst the younger generation who prefer the Occidental idea that every man's or woman's interest is his or her own concern. What effect this may ultimately have on the family system, which undoubtedly the strongest characteristic and the greatest asset of the Japanese nation—politically and morally, but which is under fire from many quarters now, is difficult to foresee.

The psychological basis of the country's social fabric is rapidly changing and, for better or for worse, the Occidental idea, especially the American idea, is coming to be the vogue in increasing volume, so much so that even the Throne, hitherto regarded as sacred and apart from the din and noise of political and other strife, has been, by sheer force of the working of individualistic political philosophy, been unconsciously and unintentionally dragged into the limelight and orbit of political squabbles. Several such examples can be cited. There was the most recent one of Baron Shidehara having been accused of "hiding in the dragon's sleeve," a Nipponese way of saying that he tried to defend himself by dragging the sacrosanct Throne into the discussion; there were the moves and counter-moves around and about the Throne during the discussions over ratification of the Naval Treaty. But the best example of all was the blunder made by the late Baron General Tanaka, for which the unseen judges ranged behind the Throne pronounced the sentence of political doom, dragged his Cabinet down even though he had a majority in the Lower House and enabled the Minseito to secure the ascendancy they now possess.

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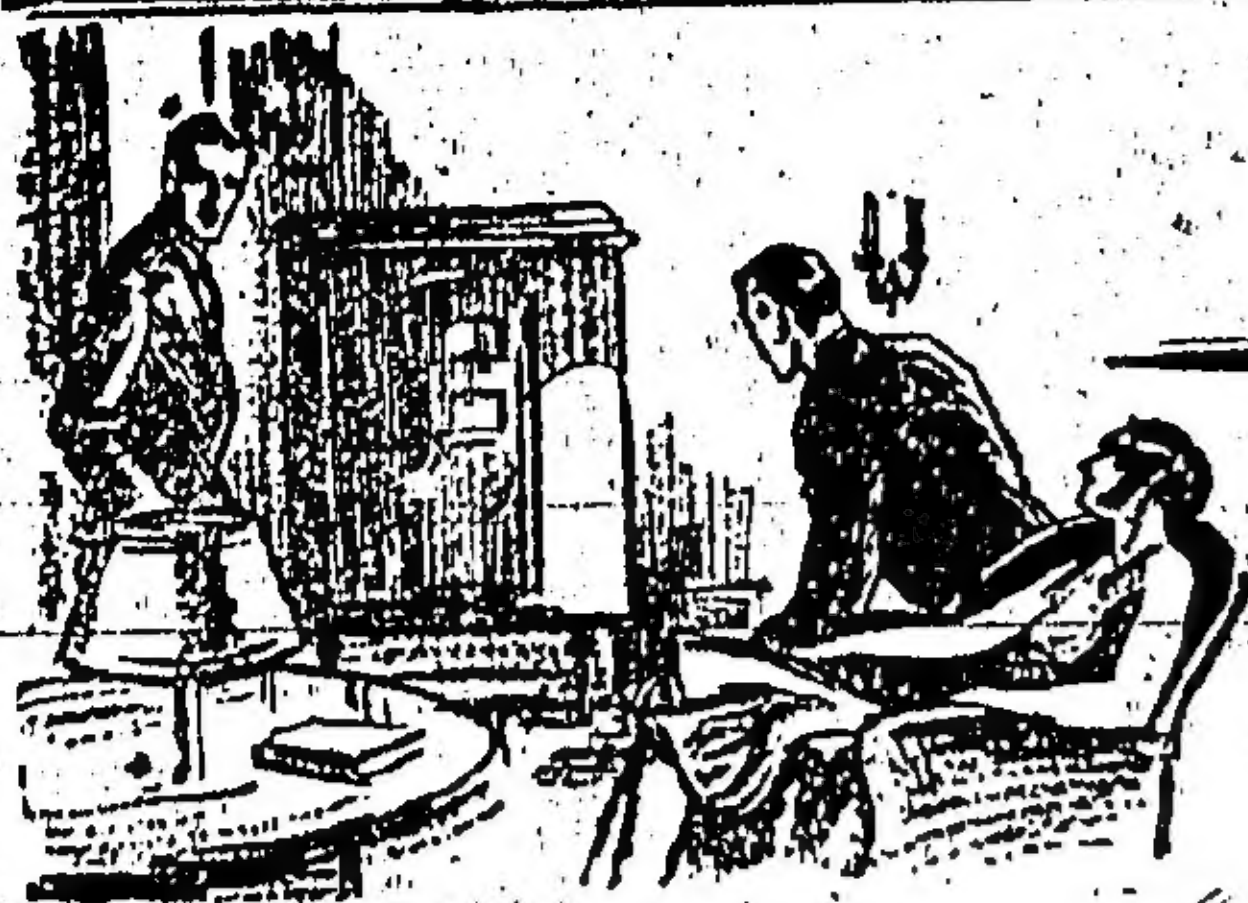
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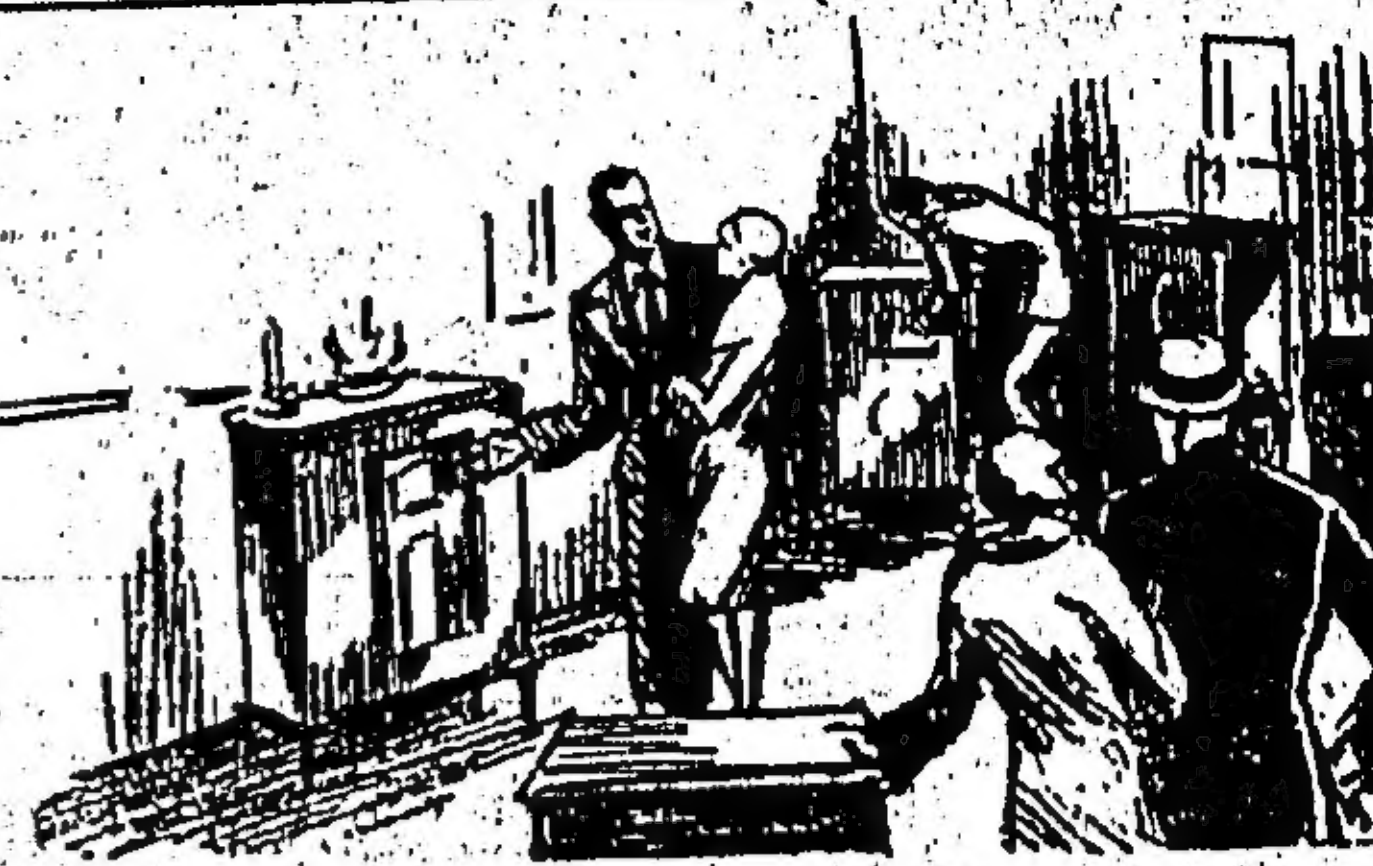
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Simplified switching is responsible, and you cannot obtain the best possible results without making the medium- and long-wavelength circuits in the best way. In the Binowave coils separate long- and medium-wave aerial connections are used in order that the efficiency of the coils shall be high on both wavebands.

Compact coils are sometimes not very efficient, although perhaps they are quite good for their size, and this point of the best aerial connection is bound to crop up. Sometimes a single separate aerial winding is used for both wavebands, but here again something is lost in the interests of simplicity and cheapness.

Main's Valves.

Should one use a directly or indirectly-heated power valve in an A.C. set?

Given a good and suitable directly-heated power valve the hum is negligible, being hardly audible. The characteristics are as good, as a rule, as those of the indirectly-heated type, and valves working with an anode voltage of 200 and giving a good power out-

put are available.

A directly-heated valve is a more simple job than the other type. A centre-tapped transformer or a wire potentiometer of low resistance may be used, and grid-bias may be obtained by including a resistance in the high-tension negative return in the usual way. The centre tap must be fairly accurate, or a hum will be heard.

Low Loss.

Although low-loss constructions are not now given as much attention as a few years ago, the need for avoiding the use of materials having doubtful electrical properties remains.

Cardboard is sometimes used for coil formers. This may be satisfactory, but will probably not be unless it has been carefully treated. Good quality ebonite and bakelite formers are worth using for coils to be fitted to a set of reasonable efficiency.

Transformers and Chokes.

It is sometimes supposed that the iron core of transformers and chokes ought to be so well made that air gaps do not exist.

This is not true when a D.C. current is passing through one of the windings as well as the A.C.

Transformers and choking coils should have the highest inductance under working conditions. The greatest inductive effect is obtained when the direct current is small or when there is none at all. It is possible to obtain a fairly uniform inductance over a range of direct currents by carefully proportioning the core, air gap, and number of turns.

"Motor-Boating."

Frequently a set which appears to work very well when an output choke filter is used, "motor-boats" badly when the filter is taken away and a speaker transformer is fitted.

The filter circuit in practice tends to stop varying currents produced by the last valve from entering the high-tension supply. It is the lower frequencies which usually cause motor-boating or oscillations, and when the choke is not a good one trouble may be experienced. When a transformer is used the circuit is usually more prone to "motor-boating," as the protection afforded by a good output filter circuit is not present.

WIRELESS PICTURES FOR SHIPS AT SEA.

A POSSIBILITY OF THE FUTURE.

Picture, or facsimile, transmission by wireless is now an accomplished fact, and Marconi engineers have designed modern types of equipment which give excellent results for fixed point-to-point ser-

vices over long distances. Such services are being used for the transmission of newspaper illustrations, fashion drawings, financial statements and advertisements from one country to another.

The following notes on the present situation indicate that while the future may hold considerable possibilities in this sphere, further technical and commercial advances are necessary before anything in the nature of a regular and reliable service is practicable for shipping: (Continued on Page 3.)

HAVE YOU HEARD THESE?

LONG-WAVE STATIONS.

Here are lists of long-wave and short-wave stations which should be picked up by anyone in Hong Kong who has a moderately good set suitable for receiving such signals. Success in picking up these stations also depends very largely upon favourable atmospheric conditions. Readers are invited to add to this list should they succeed in picking up any station not included in either of these lists.

Wave length (Metres)	Station	Call Sign	Kilo-cycle
260	Manila	K.Z.I.B.	1,153
277	Shanghai	K.S.M.S.	1,085
280	Tientsin	C.R.C.	1,070
310	Shanghai	K.R.C.	967
320	Peking	C.O.P.K.	948
345	Tokyo	J.O.A.K.	870
353	Hiroshima	J.O.H.K.	850
357	Hong Kong	J.O.H.K.	846
357	Bombay	V.U.B.	840
361	Sapporo	J.O.I.K.	830
366	Kobe	J.O.D.K.	820
370	Nagoya	J.O.O.K.	810
370.4	Calcutta	V.I.O.	809.9
380	Kumamoto	J.O.G.K.	790
390	Sendai	J.O.H.K.	770
395	Dairen	J.D.A.K.	760
398	Rangoon	V.U.B.	754
400	Osaka	J.O.H.K.	750
410	Canton	C.M.B.	728
413	Manila	K.Z.R.M.	720

SHORT-WAVE STATIONS.

Wave length (Metres)	Station	Call Sign	Kilo-cycle	Time (Hong Kong) of Working
67.65	Dobitz (Germany)	A.F.K.	4,434	Mon., Wed. & Fri., 5 p.m. & 2 a.m.
60.12	Khabarovsk (Russia)	A.G.Y.	4,990	6-10 p.m.
53.7	Nauen	E.G.Y.	5,591	Not regular
50	Moscow	E.F.N.	6,000	Tue., Thurs., Sat., 8 p.m.
45.5	Bombay	I.M.A.	6,896	Sunday midnight
42	Perth	G.A.G.	7,142	Daily 6.30 p.m. & 11 p.m.
41.3	Singapore	V.S.I.A.B.	7,210	Not regular
39.8	Kootwijk (Holland)	P.C.L.	7,730	Daily 11 p.m.
37	Bangkok (Siam)	H.S.A.P.J.	8,108	Tue. & Fri., 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
32.5	Sydney	S.B.L.	9,230	Not regular
31.48	Schenectady	W.Z.X.A.P.	9,530	Daily 7 a.m.
31.20	Eindhoven (Holland)	P.C.J.	9,620	Fri., 9 a.m., Sat., 3 a.m. & 10 a.m.
31.23	Sydney	S.B.L.	9,677	Midnight daily
31	Yokohama (Korea)	T.M.E.	10,625	Not regular
28.5	Sydney	P.L.R.	11,220	Midnight-3 a.m. daily
27.8	Bombay	S.B.L.	11,761	7.30 p.m. & 3 a.m. daily, except Saturday and Sunday
25.53	Chelmsford (England)	S.B.W.	12,240	Nightly
24.5	Manila	K.I.X.B.	12,800	4 a.m. Wed., Fri., Sat.
23.85	Schenectady	W.Z.X.O.	13,002	Daily 6.30 p.m. to midnight
19.99	Bombay	P.L.G.	15,004	Daily 7 p.m.
18.4	Kootwijk (Holland)	P.C.L.	16,250	Daily 8 p.m. to midnight
17.4	Bombay	E.S.I.P.J.	17,761	Sundays 7 p.m. & midnight
16.9	Bangkok	F.O.K.	18,404	Each afternoon
16.2	Kootwijk (Holland)	P.C.L.	18,520	Daily 6.30-7 p.m.
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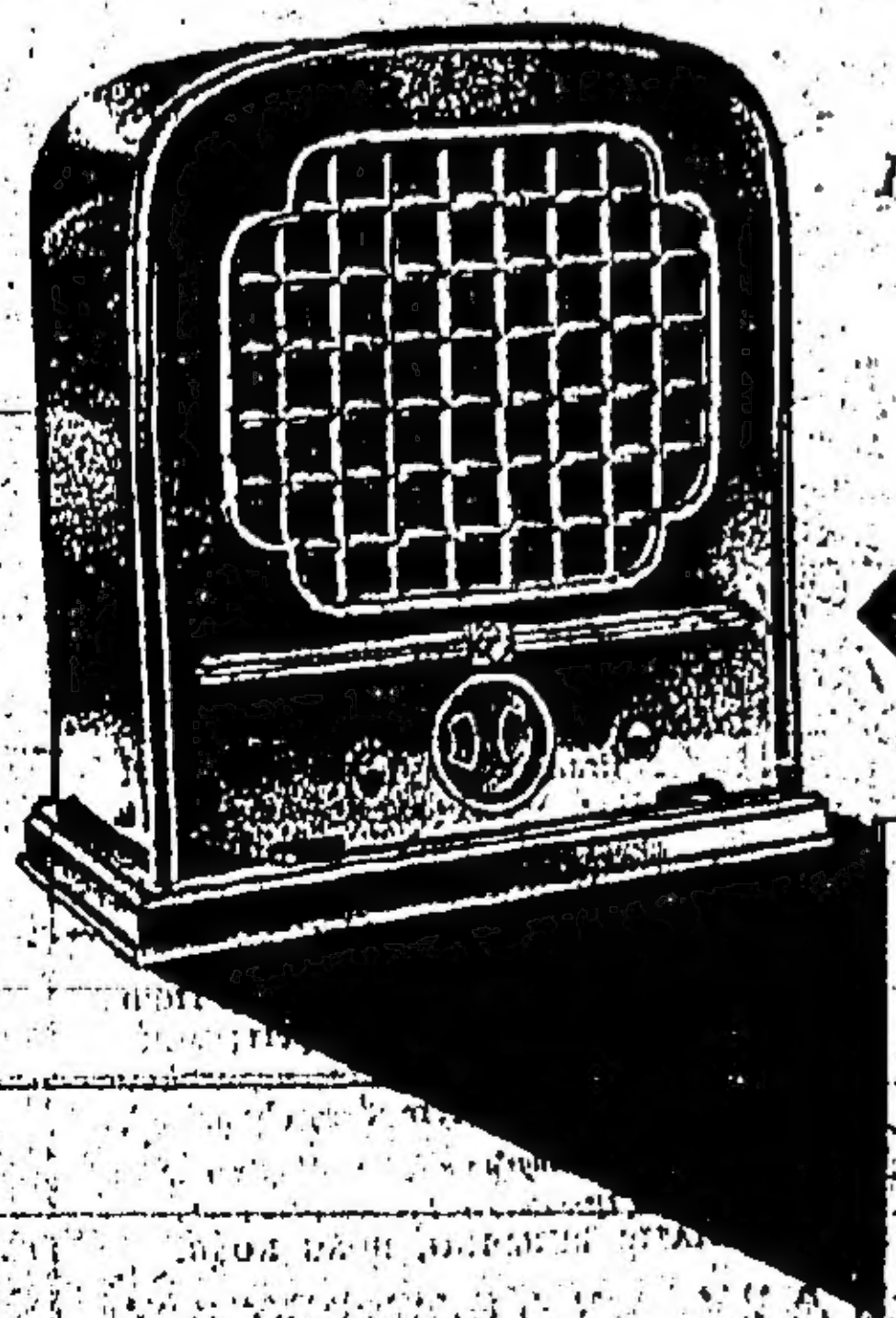
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SHIPS AT SEA.

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Every new development in the science of wireless evolved by the Marconi research engineers is closely observed by the management and technical advisers of the Marconi International Marine Communication Company, who receive frequent progress reports and make independent examinations of the subject from their specialized point of view with the object of ascertaining how each new discovery of principle or practice can best be applied to the benefits of shipowners and the travelling public.

In accordance with this policy, the success of the Marconi research engineers in developing facsimile apparatus which gives satisfactory service between two fixed points has been made the subject of extensive experiments to determine in what measure this new device could be applied for marine purposes. Similar experiments have been carried out by the Radio Marine Corporation of America, and in both cases a certain measure of success has been attained. It is clearly indicated, however, that further development is necessary before the Wireless Companies would be justified in offering a routine commercial service to shipowners for regular use at sea.

Discussed by Comité International Radio-Maritime.

The application of the principle of facsimile transmission to marine purposes would be justified, primarily, as a service providing an additional factor of safety, the transmission of weather charts to ships' commanders for their guidance in navigation being of considerable potential value from this point of view. As a secondary service, facsimile apparatus might be used for the transmission of ships' newspapers, and, if there should be any demand, for public ship and shore picture services.

Having regard to its possible value for shipping the subject was one of those which came under discussion at the meeting of the Executive of the Comité International Radio-Maritime in Brussels recently. The technical and commercial experts gathered there, representing some 40 countries, were satisfied that on the data so far amassed, and submitted to them for consideration, it would be premature at present to undertake the inauguration of a service of facsimile transmission to ships at sea.

Difficulties still to be surmounted.

The difficulties which have yet to be surmounted in this application of facsimile transmission are both technical and commercial.

The commercial consideration of cost is a decided obstacle at the present state of the system's development, and the results obtained do not at this stage appear to justify the cost involved.

As has already been stated, the primary object of such a service for ships is the contribution it will make to safer navigation and quicker voyages, with reduced risks. It can do this by supplying the master of a ship with weather charts which will give him a visual indication of the weather conditions which lie ahead of him, and around him, so that he can see at a glance where bad areas of weather lie.

In order to justify itself such a service would have to be perfectly reliable and sufficiently accurate technically to ensure good reception. At the present stage of development installations to give reliable results such as would be required to inspire full confidence, must be fairly elaborate, and from the commercial point of view the probability is that such a weather chart service could not be conducted at a charge of less than one guinea a day per ship to shipowners.

In addition, the time occupied in the transmission is considerable amounting to about twenty minutes continuous transmission for a weather chart or an equivalent sized document—and while facsimile matter was being received on board ship the handling of ordinary traffic would probably have to be suspended.

The technical difficulties still to be overcome include interference from other signals and from atmospheric conditions which at the present stage might render maps or charts illegible in parts, and therefore to some extent misleading; and the characteristic known as "fading" which renders reception difficult under certain atmospheric and electrical conditions.

THE WORLD AT ITS WORST

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



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11 to 11.30 a.m.—Stock quotations.
11.30 a.m.—Chinese programme.
12.30 p.m.—European programme.
1.30 p.m.—Weather report, local time, and Rugby Press news.
2 p.m.—Close down.

5 to 5.30 p.m.—European programme of Victor and H.M.V. records supplied by Messrs. Moutrie & Co.

5 to 5.30 p.m.—

Orchestral.

"Metropolis" (Ferd. Grofé).—Paul Whiteman and his Concert-Orchestra.

"Gypsy Love" (Léhar).—International Concert Orch.

"Noll Gwyn Country Dance" (German).—New Symphony Orch.

"Ginger Snap" (Bourdon).—Victor Novelty Orch.

"Dance Bagatelle" (Bourdon).—Victor Novelty Orch.

5.33 to 6 p.m.—

Pianoforte and Organ Solos.

Pianoforte Solo—"Mistral" (Debussy).—Ignace Jan Paderewski. (This record is by special request.)

Pianoforte Solo—"Waltz in C Sharp Minor" (Chopin).—Sergei Rachmaninoff.

Pianoforte Solo—"Waltz in A Flat Major" (Chopin).—Sergei Rachmaninoff.

Organ Solo—"Swing of the Kilt" (Ewing).—Edward O'Henry.

Organ Solo—"Southward Bound" (Franklyn).—Edward O'Henry.

Pianoforte Solo—"Valse Op. 69, No. 2, by Chopin."

Pianoforte Solo—"Capriccio in F Minor" (Dohnanyi).—Valdimir Horowitz.

6 to 6.45 p.m.—European children's programme from the Studio.

Miss Nora Didsbury will play "Valse" Op. 69, No. 2, by Chopin.

6.45 to 7.30 p.m.—

Concert Items.

Song—"Down in the Valley" (Moir).—Essie Ackland (Contralto).

Violin Solo—"Ruralia Hungarica—Molto Vivace" (Dohnanyi).—Fritz Kreisler.

Song—"Addio" (Tosti).—Enrico Caruso (Tenor).

Cello Solo—"Vito" (Popper).—Pablo Casals.

Trio—"Memories of Home" (Gutman).—Neapolitan Trio.

Duet—"What is Done" (Cuvillier).—Winnie Melville and Derek Oldham.

Violin Solo—"Vocalise" (Rachmaninoff-Pres).—Mischa Elman.

Song—"Richard of Taunton Dean" (arr. Molloy).—Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone).

7.30 to 8 p.m.—"Symphony No. 4 in F Minor" (Tchaikovsky).—Philadelphia-Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Leopold Stokowski.

8 to 10.30 p.m.—Chinese studio concert.

9 p.m.—Weather report, local time, etc.

10.30 p.m.—Close down.

PASSENGERS

Departures.

The following passengers left yesterday by s.s. Antenor:—Mr. S. C. Anning, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Bell and child, Mrs. J. W. C. Bonnar, Mr. and Mrs. E. Q. Cooper, Mrs. J. S. Davenport, Mr. J. C. Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Dunlop, Master R. M. Dunlop, Miss R. Farroll, Mr. O. H. Farrar, Mr. N. G. Fairbairn, Mr. C. Grumitt, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Grey, Mrs. J. Gow, Miss M. W. Gow, Mrs. Hastings, Miss M. A. Holt, Mr. G. F. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. Macfarlane, Miss M. M. Macfarlane, Miss Murray, Mr. R. A. Muir, Miss H. Osborne, Miss A. L. Peet, Mrs. J. T. Road and children, Mr. and Mrs. L. de Rome, Master R. A. de Rome, Master C. P. de Rome, Miss M. A. Simpson, Mrs. C. F. Shackleton, Master J. E. Shackleton, Master J. Shackleton, Master P. Shackleton, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. J. Sturrock, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Sturrock, Miss Jane Sturrock, Mr. E. Thompson, Mrs. Tollefsen, Miss Tollefsen, Mr. and Mrs. H. Vincent, Mrs. Winter.

The following passengers left on Tuesday by s.s. President Madison:—Mr. P. D. Cravens, Mr. J. P. Crane, Miss F. L. DeForest, Mr. Thos. Fotheringham, Mr. John Gordon, Mrs. James Haydon, Mr. Arthur Hogan, Mr. Baltasar Lanusa, Miss Katherine Lacey, Mr. K. Rose, Mrs. Van Breda Koff, Mr. H. B. Campbell, Dr. and Mrs. A. Betts, Mrs. Wm. H. Bliss, Mr. Irving B. Brown, Mr. John Darcy, Miss Janet Esch, Mr. and Mrs. F. Frazier, Mr. Mary K. Gordinier, Mr. Arthur Grimmer, Miss Martha Knauz, Frances Morris, Dr. Jas. W. McKean, Mrs. Anne Tonseth, Master T. H. Tonseth, Dr. O. Butler Simpson, Mrs. M. H. Griffin, Miss Jane Chase, Mr. B. Lekovitch, Mr. P. Verrier, Mr. R. Martin, Mr. W. H. S. Haddad, Mr. Henry Atkins, Mr. L. D. Noronha, Mr. F. Luffy, Mr. R. L. Currie, Capt. A. P. Sprang, Master M. T. Fife, Mr. E. L. Nelson, Major F. E. J. Penay.

The following passengers left yesterday by s.s. Tatsuta Maru for San Francisco and via ports:—Miss Y. K. Cumino, Mr. G. M. M. Smith, Doyle.

THE SILVER SCREEN.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"LOVE IN THE ROUGH."

Earl (Snake Hips) Tucker, eccentric—Ethiopian dancer—is the cameraman's delight. He needs no make-up and can be photographed through an entire dance number with a single change of focus or "frame."

In other words, "Snake Hips" is so dark of complexion he requires neither paint nor powder for "shading" and presents no delicate lighting problem for the boys behind the camera.

Still further, "Snake Hips," as his nickname suggests, has an unusual undulating brand of dancing, neither off the spot upon which he begins his reptilian gyrations or taking any liberties by way of distances to or from the lens. "I just turns it on and there it is," is Tucker's explanation of his dance.

"Snake Hips" will make his screen debut in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's new musical talkie, "Love in the Rough," playing the dancing hell-boy in the "Doing That Thing" number.

"MADAM SATAN."

"C.B.P. 55," the vast latest thing in giant Zeppelins, is to make its appearance in Queen's Theatre for an extended run beginning Sunday.

This notice does not say that the great aerial craft will appear overhead. In fact its appearances will be entirely confined to the Queen's Theatre, where it will be seen in exciting sequences of "Madam Satan," Cecil B. de Mille's new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer comedy with music.

The C.B.P. 55 is in proportionate length approximately 750 feet long, big enough to allow hundreds to dance aboard it at a masked ball, interrupted by the tearing loose of the ship from its mast, and its sensational "crack-up" in mid-air. The guests descend from the craft in parachutes, saving in holes along the top of an outside deck.

It is aboard the "C.B.P. 55" that "Madam Satan" makes her temptatious entrance into the life of Bob Brooks, and into this plot of modern times and ultra-modern romance.

The story is by Jeanie MacPherson, with dialogue by Gladys Unger and Elsie Janis. Dance numbers were directed by Leroy Prinz, with Theodore Kosloff dancing "Electricity" in "Ballet Mechanique."

The featured players are Kay Johnson, Reginald Denny, Roland Young, Lillian Roth.

CENTRAL THEATRE.

"FASHIONS IN LOVE."

For good entertainment, subtly and smartly presented there is no star like Adolphe Menjou. In his first all-talking picture, "Fashions in Love," which opened at the Central Theatre last night, the sparkling sophisticate surpasses all expectations. He talks, he makes love, and through it all, you hear his rich, vibrating, baritone voice supplementing his always delightful whimsical action.

"Fashions in Love" is the ideal story, a good cast and the picture was made by a master of a cinema, Victor Schertzinger. It places the actor in an atmosphere in which he is at home and his own personality "draws" his audience into the setting with him. For about two hours, one lives and laughs and loves in the gay situations with this gay star.

Adolphe Menjou is one of the outstanding highlights in the realm of talking moving pictures. His voice is splendidly adapted to this new medium and, to hear him sing from the screen is to really experience the full force of this captivating personality.

The picture is noteworthy for the presence of two outstanding stars of the English stage, Fay Compton and Miriam Seegar, both of whom give splendid performances. Miss Compton sings one of Schertzinger's latest song-hits, "I Still Believe in You." His other song hit, "Delphine," is sung by Menjou.

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GREEN ISLAND
CEMENT CO.GOOD YEAR DESPITE
HANDICAPS.

In the course of his speech at the annual meeting of the Green Island Cement Company, Mr. J. Scott Harston, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, reviewed the activities of the Company for the year and pointed out that the demand for Green Island Cement was daily increasing. "Whilst on this subject," said Mr. Harston, "I may also state that it is our intention to manufacture a rapid hardening cement under the name of 'Emmeralere', as, for that class of cement, there is undoubtedly a good demand."

Supporting the Chairman were

Messrs. C. A. da Rosa, J. H. Taggart, R. Shawan, C. F. Mendham, Li Tso Fung (Directors)

and the following shareholders:—Messrs. A. L. Shields, A. H. Carroll, M. A. Figueiredo, Li Yat Choi, T. D. Charatong, C. S. Remedios, F. L. Silva, and F. E. Silva.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman's speech was as follows:—
The auditors' report is as follows:—

"We report that we have examined the above Balance Sheet with the books, vouchers and securities of the Company, and that in our opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at the 31st December, 1930, according to the best of our information and the explanations given us, and as shown by the books of the Company. The various stocks are as certified for quantity by the Works Manager, and for value by the Secretary. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required."

Messrs. BISHAM & MATTHEWS,

LIMSTAD & DAVIS, Auditors.

From a perusal of the Profit and Loss Account, you will observe that the balance of Working Account (after effecting depreciation to the extent of \$62,147.47 and after providing for the cost of maintenance of the Deep Water Bay property) amounts to \$76,702.11. Notwithstanding the fact that this figure is appreciably less than that shown for the preceding year, it is in the opinion of your Board that this result may be regarded as satisfactory, having regard to the age of the existing plant and the high cost of production consequent thereon, and also the fact that, owing to the modernization of our works at Hek Un, which is now being proceeded with, expenditure on the existing plant has been reduced to a minimum.

During the year under review, your Board disposed of the major portion of the Company's investments at favourable rates, thus augmenting the Working Profit by a sum of \$149,270.05; the proceeds of such liquidation being utilized for the purpose of financing payments in connection with the new installation.

Deep Water Bay Plant.

As you will observe from the credit side of the Profit and Loss Account, the Working Profit was also augmented by the profit on the sale, for demolition purposes, of the buildings and machinery at Deep Water Bay, to which I will make further reference later.

Turning to the debit side of the Profit and Loss Account, you will observe that a sum of \$4,169.66 was paid to the General Managers—this representing the amount due to them by way of commission for the first two months of the financial year. Furthermore, the item, \$20,833.34, appearing under the heading "Compensation to General Managers," represents, for the year 1930, the proportion of the compensation for loss of office, voted to Messrs. Shawan, Tones and Co. at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 23rd April, 1930.

The last item on the debit side of the Profit and Loss Account represents a retiring allowance to our late Works Manager, a matter to which I will also make further reference later.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, there is, I think, little calling for comment, as most of the headings are self-explanatory. I would like, however, to draw your attention to the item "Loan Account and Interest Accrued \$103,537.92," which appeared in the former Balance Sheet for the year ended the 31st December, 1929, and which has now disappeared, having been retired during the financial year under review.

Exchange Fluctuation. Turning to the liabilities side of the Balance Sheet, you will observe that an exchange fluctuation reserve of \$427,978.69 has been created, which item requires some explanation. As you were informed from the chair at an extror-

inary general meeting held last year, your Board entered into exchange contracts in the amount of £200,000 at an average rate of about 1/10th, covering commitments in connection with the new plant which is being erected by Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Ltd. Later, however, satisfactory arrangements were effected with Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Ltd., in the matter of deferred payments, and in respect of the above-mentioned amount of £200,000, £100,000 was remitted to London to meet payments as they fell due, and the balance of the exchange contracts entered into were liquidated at favourable rates, thus showing an exchange profit to the Company of \$427,978.69, which amount your Board has deemed prudent to utilize for the creation of an exchange fluctuation reserve. In this connection, I may add that, under the arrangements entered into with them, no further remittances will be due to Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Ltd., until the latter half of 1932.

When addressing you at the last annual general meeting, your Chairman outlined the policy of the Board in relation to your Deep Water Bay undertaking, and in conformity therewith, your Board entered into negotiations for the sale of the works as a going concern, and consequent disposal of the buildings and machinery for demolition purposes, with a resultant profit to the Company of \$13,514.94. I regret to have to state that your Board has met with little measure of success in the matter of disposal of the land in this connection. Towards the middle of last year, your Company was approached by the Sports Club, who were desirous to obtain an option to purchase the land and the remaining buildings comprising the house situate on the hill overlooking the site. Owing to various causes, however, negotiations proved abortive, with the result that such land and buildings are still undisposed of.

Satisfactory Results.

Giving a brief résumé of the year's working, I would reiterate that the result may be regarded as satisfactory, bearing in mind the vicissitudes, wherewith your Company has been faced owing to the transitory stage through which it is passing, coupled with the high cost of production and the intensive competition it is experiencing in all markets; nevertheless, it is satisfactory to record that, due to the high standard maintained in your Company's product, we have not only held our own, but also opened up new avenues likely to redound to our benefit on completion of the new plant. In this relation, I may add that the demand for your Company's cement is an increasing one, as is evidenced by the fact that our agents in several markets are constantly making enquiries as to when we shall be in the position to fulfil larger contracts than is possible with the existing works. Whilst on this subject, I may also state that it is our intention to manufacture a rapid hardening cement under the name of "Emmeralere," as, for that class of cement, there is undoubtedly a good demand, notwithstanding the materially higher price at which this class of product has to be marketed.

New Plant.

Admirable progress, I am pleased to say, has been made with the erection of the new plant, but in an undertaking of such magnitude, it is impossible for me to state definitely when the plant will be actually manufacturing cement. It is confidently anticipated, however, that it will be brought into operation during the second half of the current financial year.

In conclusion, I would inform you that your late Works Manager, Mr. Arnold, who had served the Company for nearly thirty years, retired last June, and your Board, anticipating your approval, granted him a retiring bonus of £1,000, the amount of which, namely, \$14,829.25, is shown in the Profit and Loss Account.

There being no further matters to which I need refer, I now formally propose that the report of the Directors and the accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1930, be presented, be adopted, and that the appropriations recommended by your Directors, namely:—

To pay a dividend of 30 cts. per share on the old shares	\$120,000.00
To pay a dividend of 4 cts. per share on the new shares	18,000.00
To write off obsolete Machinery Stores	20,000.00
To place to General Reserve	100,000.00
To carry forward to New Account	88,421.76
	\$344,421.76

be carried into effect, and I shall be much obliged if some shareholder will kindly second such proposition, after which questions in connection with the Report and Accounts may be raised."

Seconded by Mr. A. H. Carroll, the Report and Accounts were adopted unanimously.

DAIRY FARM CO.

INCREASE IN MILK PRICES
POSSIBLE.

That it might be found necessary to consider a further increase in the price of milk unless there is an early improvement in exchange, was stated by Mr. J. P. Warren, who presided yesterday at the annual meeting of the Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd.

Others present were:—Mr. W. Koch, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. A. B. Stewart (directors), Mr. A. Stevenson (manager), Messrs. J. D. Thompson, W. MacFarlane, H. W. Page, E. Austin, F. Peritt, M. H. Lo, Dr. Macgown, M. O'Brien, O. F. Ribeiro, V. L. dos Remedios, Mrs. Yung Young Shi, Chan Nai Pan, Chan Pui Kow, and H. J. M. Figueiredo.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Addressing the shareholders, the Chairman said:—Your Directors are pleased to submit what, in their opinion, is a satisfactory statement of the year's working. The balance of profit shown this year has only once previously been surpassed and that was in 1927, which was really an abnormal year owing to the presence of additional troops in the Colony. One of the outstanding features of this year's working is the increase in milk sales which is most gratifying to all concerned as it shows that the public, particularly the Chinese, are beginning to realise the absolute necessity of milk in their dietary and furthermore that discrimination is necessary with regard to the source of supply.

The profit on working for the year amounts to \$363,507.83, depreciation on buildings and plant has been allowed for on the same scale as last year to the extent of \$143,918.04, and \$15,000 has been placed to the credit of Bad and Doubtful Debts Reserve Account. You will note from the Profit and Loss Account that there is a reduced amount of \$10,000 in dividends on investments as compared with last year's figure; this is due entirely to the fact that the Company in Shanghai, in which we are interested, paid a smaller dividend this year.

The Profits.

The balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account amounts to \$27,304.53 which with the sum of \$24,054.41 brought forward from last year's account makes a total of \$51,358.94 for appropriation.

Your Directors recommend dealing with same as follows:—Payment of a dividend of \$1.50 per share on 200,000 shares, absorbing \$300,000; to add to General Reserve, \$20,000; carry forward \$31,418.94; with which I trust shareholders will concur.

If you will refer to the balance sheet you will find amongst the liabilities two items each for \$307,380. These represent the payments received to December 31 last on the \$8,084 new shares applied for up to that date. The item Application Account, New Shares Issue, will be transferred to Capital Account in the 1931 Accounts but the item Premium on Shares, representing the premium of \$7.50 per share on these shares will remain as a reserve in the accounts until such time as it is considered necessary or advisable to utilise it.

In view of the excellent results shown I feel sure that you will endorse a bonus of 10 per cent. to the staff on their salaries in recognition of the hard work and loyal support given. When on the subject of the staff I should like to mention that Mr. C. Makham who served the Company faithfully and well for the past 30 years retired from the Company's service during the year and has settled down in Australia, where, I am sure we all hope he will be long spared to enjoy his retirement.

Effect of Exchange.

Like all other concerns in the Colony we have been forced to raise the price of our commodities as a result of the fall in exchange. Fresh milk, for the first time since 1920, has been increased in price but only to the extent of one cent per bottle. This reflects creditably on the policy followed whereby all animals are withdrawn from the herd immediately they become unprofitable. Our herd, thanks to feeding methods adopted, is now giving results which were almost unthought of 14 years ago. Unfortunately, however, production costs have increased to an alarming extent and it was therefore

found necessary to raise our milk prices in order to cover the additional expenditure. I may say that the increase made does not now cover the additional costs in production and we may find it necessary to consider a further increase unless there is an early improvement in exchange.

Livestock.

Cattle.—I have much pleasure in again being able to report that the herd is in very fine condition and that no outbreaks of contagious disease occurred during the year. 100 head of young animals were immunized successfully against rinderpest with only one death, for which result our Veterinary Surgeon, Mr. Watson, is to be commended. To cope with the extraordinary milk demand during the summer months, we placed an order in British Columbia for 100 dairy cows to land here at the beginning of this year; 60 of these have already arrived safely and have fully met our specifications and the balance is due on or about 20th instant. The wastage of our herd for 1930, due to sales and deaths was 17.38 per cent, which compares favourably with the Home figure, as per latest statistics to hand, of 25 per cent. under normal conditions. Total herd on December 31 numbered 625 head.

Pigs.—This herd now numbers 1,748 head and the usual good results are being obtained, over 100 breeding sows producing and rearing an average of 10 pigs per sow per year. The most serious disease to be contended with here is swine fever, of which we have had some experience, and this is likely to recur since we are adjacent to uncontrolled surroundings. 16 head of pedigreed pigs, representing three different breeds, are now en route from England, a change of strain being necessary. The new system of breeding pens as reported in my speech of last year, has proved all and more than was expected of it, consequently future extensions will be made on similar lines.

Poultry and Vegetables.

Poultry.—Our egg-producing flock has proved a very disappointing venture, since disease has taken its toll. It appears that surrounding districts have been infected with different poultry diseases and serious loss is reported. We have not given up hope, however, and a number of birds have just been imported from Canada.

Vegetable Garden.—We have found that there is an undoubted demand for good fresh vegetables grown under hygienic and up-to-date methods, particularly vegetables suitable for salads, and a considerable extension has just been made to our garden area. With the experience obtained we hope to have much improved results in the future.

Ice.—This commodity has been in good demand throughout the year.

Building Extension.

Buildings.—At our East Point Ice Works, an extension of two cold storage rooms was completed during the year and these have been fully occupied. Over these two rooms Chinese staff quarters were erected and are filling a much-felt want. Part of our Town depot buildings, in which we are now situated, has been under reconstruction and should be completed in another month. The result of this will be much needed and improved accommodation both for the office and butchery. Our farm buildings are in excellent condition. A depot was opened at Kowloon Tong last Spring and has proved a boon to residents there.

In conclusion I would again extend to our shareholders and customers an invitation to visit the Farm in order to see our live stock. I can assure them of a hearty welcome.

I now beg to propose that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted and passed and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions Shareholders may wish to ask.

The adoption of the report and statement of accounts was seconded by Mr. F. Austin, and carried. Other Business.

Mr. H. W. Page proposed and Mr. M. H. Lo seconded the re-appointment of the retiring directors, Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Mr. T. E. Pearce, which was agreed to, while Percy Smith, Beth and Fleming were again appointed auditors at a salary of \$2,000, on the proposal of Mr. W. MacFarlane, seconded by Mr. M. O'Brien.

H.K. ELECTRIC CO.

NO INCREASE IN PRICE OF
CURRENT.

The forty-second ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., was held at the Company's offices, P. & C. Building, yesterday.

The Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie (Chairman of Directors) presided, and was supported by the Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow, Kt., Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. J. P. Warren, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson (Directors), and Mr. J. D. Butler (Manager). Shareholders were represented by Messrs. V. Sorby, Tong Hin Pong, W. Stoker, H. J. M. Figueiredo, Fang Kong Un, Wong Ping Sun, Frank Austin (Attorney for Mr. A. David and A. J. David), Paul Lauder (representing Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.), Yu Chung Suen, F. H. Kew, K. Stuart-Smith (representing Mr. J. R. Michael), J. H. Taggart, F. L. Brown, W. E. Smith, Leung Yan Po, Tong Kim Kwong, J. P. Sherry, Kwok Kam Hang, Leung Fatin, To Cho Hing, O. F. Ribeiro, J. E. Joseph, J. M. Alves, Chua Sing Choo, Chan Wing Kew, G. H. Fong, Jan Con Sang, Ip Fook, J. T. Bagan, See Koo Chi, A. Zimmerman, Wong Hing Kwong, Yung Chio, K. F. Lay and representatives from the China Mail, the Hong Kong Daily Press and the Hong Kong Telegraph.

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The manager having read the

meeting, the Chairman said:—
The report and statement of accounts for the year ended December 31, 1930, have been in your hands for the prescribed period and with your permission I will take them as read.

The net profit after providing \$57,165 for depreciation is \$1,034,449.70 and with the sum of \$102,886.12 brought forward from last account we have \$1,137,335.82 for appropriation, and with this we propose:—

To pay a dividend of \$2.50 per share on 412,000 shares	\$1,030,000.00
To place to reserve	500,000.00
To carry forward to next account	142,335.82

The profit on working was less than 1929 by \$25,160 and in view of the increased expenditure generally this may be looked on as a satisfactory result. You will see that depreciation has been increased by some \$38,557 and this has resulted in a net profit showing a decrease of \$60,304 when compared with the previous year.

You will realise that the year just completed has been one of difficulty in many ways owing to the fall in the value of the dollar and the resultant increase in the cost of salaries and various works. As a public utility company we should be loath to increase our charging rates but as salary compensation to the Staff is a very large item in the expenditure owing to the present state of affairs and as our contract prices for coal and other necessary supplies are greatly increased there is just the possibility that we may be forced to revise the price of current. Before taking any such step, however, the Company would give consumers reasonable notice.

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COMPANIES' AFFAIRS REVIEWED.

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HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO.

Increase in Consumers.

Referring again to the figures for 1930 the output was 34,000,000 units and this showed a gratifying increase of some 7 to 8 per cent. The number of consumers also increased by over 2,000 making a total of some 32,677. It was largely owing to these increases that the results shown in the year were as satisfactory as they have turned out to be.

Government rates have increased and are to be further increased in the future.

You will notice that cash at hand and with the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation was \$1,411,799 as against \$587,619 at the end of 1929. A considerable portion of this sum would, in the ordinary course, have been placed on fixed deposit, but rates for short term deposits offered little inducement owing to the easy state of the money market.

There are, I think, no further points in the accounts which call for special remark.

On June 21 the No. 1 alternator developed a fault whilst on load and the ensuing fire destroyed the high tension windings of the machine. This turbo set was purchased in 1918-1919. For some years, owing to its small capacity and relatively high steam consumption it has only been kept in service as part of the spare plant.

In view of the steadily increasing output we think our limited and although a complete repair of this machine was possible your Directors decided to dispose of the same and to proceed with the installation of a further turbo-alternator in the new turbine room.

It was also considered advisable to take advantage of the greater economy now obtainable from the higher steam pressure in general use and to adopt the pressure of 400 lbs. per square inch for the new plant. Tenders have been obtained and contracts entered into for the supply of a 12,500 kilowatt turbo-alternator with two boilers suitable for this higher pressure, together with the necessary switchgear and auxiliaries, and it is hoped to have this new plant in operation early in 1932.

The British Thomson-Houston set No. 6 which was installed in the new building during 1929 was constructed in such a manner that it can be converted to the higher steam pressure with increased economy in operation, and this conversion will be undertaken as soon as the new plant has been put into commission.

The old No. 1 turbo set has been sold at a profit and the balance at the credit of this account amounting to \$7,620.76 has been placed to the credit of No. 2 turbo-alternator account.

Mr. W. H. Wickham.

Since we met last year Mr. W. H. Wickham has handed over the London representation of the Company to Mr. Marsh. Mr. Wickham was originally connected with Messrs. Johnson & Phillips and came out to Hong Kong on business connected with that firm in 1893. About that time it was decided to form The Hong Kong Electric Company, Limited, and advantage was taken of Mr. Wickham's presence in the Colony to get him to draw up a general scheme for electric lighting. His proposals were adopted and he was responsible for the erection of our original station. On the completion of same he was appointed the first manager of the Company and we have had the advantage of his valuable services for a period of over 40 years.

It must be very gratifying to Mr. Wickham to have watched the continual growth and prosperity of the undertaking which is due in no small measure to his careful guidance in the earlier stages of its career.

When Mr. Wickham retired your Directors requested me to convey to him an expression of their appreciation of the work done by him during his long and faithful service. This appreciation has been further marked by a small presentation. We hope Mr. Wickham may be long spared to enjoy his well earned leisure.

In view of the difficulties which have been experienced during 1930 your Directors consider that the results have been satisfactory and I once more wish to express their appreciation of the services rendered by the manager, staff and workmen and with this I am sure the shareholders would like to associate themselves.

I now propose that the report and statement of accounts for the year ended December 31, 1930, be adopted and when this has been ascertained I shall be pleased to answer any questions you may desire to ask.

Mr. Taggart's Speech.

Mr. J. H. Taggart in seconding the proposal said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:

In rising to second the motion from the chair, I feel confident that I voice the unanimous views of shareholders present when I affirm that we have listened with no little interest to the very lucid résumé you have given us covering the affairs of the Company for the past year. I am equally confident, also, that shareholders are at one with me in regarding the results achieved as eminently satisfactory, particularly in view of the somewhat abnormal conditions prevalent during the major portion of the period under review.

The serious drop in exchange experienced during the year constitutes an extremely adverse factor to a Company which, from the nature of its activities, is compelled to maintain a large indebtedness to plant, etc.

Whilst touching upon the subject of exchange, I feel sure shareholders and consumers alike will note with satisfaction, Mr. Chairman, your statement intimating that an increase in the price of current will not be imposed unless conditions develop to render such an action imperative, and, furthermore that in such an event reasonable notice would be forthcoming from the Company. I venture to think that, from the viewpoint of shareholders, such an action could only be regarded as regrettable, when it is taken into consideration that an increased price tends to restrict consumption, whilst to the consumer any rise in the price of necessities is always unpalatable.

Price to Consumer.

However, it must be borne in mind that this Company has at all times accorded the utmost consideration to the consumer, and has rendered excellent service at rates bearing favourably comparison with the rates charged by similar public utility organisations, municipal or otherwise, in other parts of the world. As a concrete example of this, it is interesting to note that, based upon this Company's existing maximum charge of sixteen cents for even one or two lights only, the sterling cost per unit at exchange 11d. equals 1.76 pence, and at exchange 2/- equals 2.84 pence, whereas in England the rate for lighting ranges from 3d. to 6 pence per unit. I submit that these comparative figures demonstrate very forcibly the fact that the local consumer has received the benefit of a most efficient service at an extremely moderate charge.

The figures you have given us with regard to the increase achieved in the unit output are pleasing, and provide an element tending to the confusion of those critics whose pessimistic predictions have at times inferred that this Company's output is rapidly nearing saturation point.

As a matter of interest, it would appear from the figures referred to that present consumption is in the vicinity of 70 units per capita of the island population, whereas, according to my impression, in England—the unit—consumption reaches 200 to 300 units per capita of the population. Due regard must, I know, be paid to the somewhat different mode of life prevailing, nevertheless it would certainly appear that what may be termed the spectre "Saturation Point" is a phantom at present far beyond the horizon so far as this Company is concerned, notwithstanding the somewhat circumscribed area within which it operates.

Shareholders will undoubtedly desire to be associated with the Board in their expression of appreciation to Mr. W. H. Wickham in respect of his pioneer work and valuable services on behalf of this Company continuing over the lengthy period of over forty years. In his well earned retirement, men, which we trust he will be

long spared to enjoy, it will doubtless be a source of no little satisfaction to Mr. Wickham to watch the steady progress made by the undertaking upon the origin of which he bestowed much labour; with which he has been so long and honourably associated, and to the success of which he has largely contributed by his expert advice.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Board, the General Agents, and the personnel of the Company, on the results of the year's operations, which results reflect not only great credit on the able administration exerted, but bear also eloquent testimony to the soundness of the policy pursued in keeping abreast of the times in the matter of modernization of the plant, resulting in substantive demonstration of the stability of the Company.

Mr. Chairman, I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the Report and Accounts.

Re-election of Directors.

On the proposition of Mr. P. Lauder, seconded by Mr. W. E. Smith, Mr. J. P. Warren and the Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow were re-elected directors for the ensuing year, while Messrs. Linstead & Davis were re-elected auditors on the proposition of Mr. Wong Ping Sun, seconded by Mr. F. Austin.

In a short speech, Mr. F. Austin suggested that the Company should try and popularise the use of electricity for heating and cooking, especially with the Chinese community. He added that if the charges were cut down to a minimum, he felt sure the results would be very good. The chairman then informed Mr. Austin that the matter was already engaging the attention of the managers.

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THE EXTRALITY DISCUSSIONS.

AGREEMENT WITH BRITISH MINISTER ON POINTS.

JAPANESE SITUATION ON A DIFFERENT BASIS.

Nanking, March 13.—Speaking on extraterritoriality negotiations to-day, Dr. C. T. Wang stated that he was having conversations with the British Minister, Sir Miles Lampson, and that Dr. C. C. Wang was taking the same matter up with the American Government in Washington. The French Minister, M. Wigen, is scheduled to leave Peking for Nanking next week to discuss Sino-French affairs with Dr. Wang.

In connection with his conversations with the British Minister, Dr. Wang stated that they had reached an agreement on most of the points discussed. There were a few important points, however, about which their views differed. "My attitude on these points remains firm. It is hoped that the foreign governments will come to the realization that the Government and the public of China alike are firm in their desire to see extraterritoriality abolished," he said.

The Japanese Case.

Dr. Wang expressed the hope that foreign governments would accept the Chinese terms and that the extraterritoriality issue would be settled in the immediate future. When questioned as to whether he had discussed the extraterritoriality issue with the Japanese Government, the Foreign Minister stated that the Japanese case was a little different from those of the other Powers. The National Government maintained that the old Sino-Japanese Treaty had expired and that the matter of extraterritoriality should be taken up together with the Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation.

A draft treaty was presented by the Foreign Office to Japan during the time Mr. Yoshizawa was Minister to China, and although recently Mr. Shigemitsu, Japanese Charge d'Affaires, expressed the opinion that the Japanese Government would be willing to settle the Extraterritoriality issue first, the Sino-Japanese Nanking and Hankow incidents would probably be settled at the same time. There is a possibility that these incidents may be settled in the near future, concluded Dr. Wang.

"Unequal" Treaties at End.

In an interview with Press representatives here this morning, the Foreign Minister, Dr. C. T. Wang, stated that a new era in the history of China's diplomatic relations with foreign governments had begun, the period of "unequal" treaties having definitely come to an end. Hereafter, he continued, all treaties would be concluded on a basis of absolute equality. The recent treaties of amity, commerce and navigation with Poland and Czechoslovakia would be used as model treaties.

The first Czechoslovakian Minister to China had arrived in Shanghai, Dr. Wang added, and would present his credentials at the National Government Office here on Monday.

A NEW TUBE.

FROM THE ELEPHANT TO CAMBERWELL.

The Underground Railway Company are asking for powers, by means of a Bill in Parliament, to extend the Bakerloo section of the London Electric Railway from the Elephant and Castle to Camberwell Green.

The distance of the proposed extension is 11 miles, with two stations one at the junction of Albany-road and Camberwell-road, and the other (the new terminal) at Camberwell Green.

It is estimated that the scheme will cost £1,675,000.

If powers are obtained by August next it is hoped that the line will be open for traffic at the end of 1933.

"It will be a very fine thing indeed and I hope they will put a station next door to my house," said Mr. E. W. Smyth (Mayor of Camberwell) to a *New-Chronicle* representative.

"Such an extension has long been needed. It will do something to relieve the congestion of traffic at Rye-lane, Walworth-road, and Old Kent-road."

"It will also provide work for a large number of men, and we can do with that in these days."

SEARCH FOR GOLD.

DIARY OF STRANDED AIRMEN.

PLANE FORCED DOWN ON WAY TO SECRET REEF.

A dramatic race for gold, lies behind the stranding of two airmen in the Central Australian desert. For three weeks the men wandered about the desert seeking help: they were brought to Alice Springs in a weak condition.

The two men are Captain Pittendrugh, who was a British war pilot, and Mr. Hambro, a mining expert.

Captain Pittendrugh says that on December 20 he took off from Alice Springs with Mr. Hambro for Milba. They knew that somewhere in the arid country to the west a prospector, named Lasseter, was awaiting them at a rich gold reef which he had discovered many years ago.

At Milba they were to meet Mr. Taylor, the manager of a gold exploration company, who would give them the needed orders, telling them where to find Lasseter from the last depot which he had used on Lake Christopher.

Petrol Gives Out.

These special precautions were taken to elude parties with camel-teams who were anxious to follow the exploration party through the desert and possibly forestall Mr. Taylor at the gold reef. Police have been holding back these parties recently.

Captain Pittendrugh, however, failed to find Milba in his plane. He determined to return to Alice Springs, but the petrol supply gave out and he landed among scrub. The machine was not damaged, but the scrub made it impossible for them to take off again.

Captain Pittendrugh's diary shows that the airmen propped their machine and tied it down; then they decided to walk to Alice Springs. They were carrying five tins of mixed meats, 10 milk tablets, 12 biscuits and four gallons of water. They also had with them a net to guard them from mosquitoes.

At the end of three days they reached a "soak" in Dashwood Creek, near Mount Zell. Rain had recently fallen; there was water, and they camped.

Pierce Heat.

Then follows a record of 11 days during which they were husbanding their food as carefully as possible until it was all used up. The heat was fierce, but they spent the days searching in the neighbourhood of the camp, which they retained as their headquarters. At one stage, during their isolation, when they were in danger of thirst, a rainstorm replenished the "soak."

Day after day they waited, gradually growing weaker, but finally they were sighted by a searching plane. This machine dropped a message to Mr. Giles, a grazier on the Dashwood River, asking him to enlist the aid of natives. Mr. Giles organized a party, which reached the lost airmen a few hours after they had been sighted.

Notings in Captain Pittendrugh's diary tell the dramatic story of the airmen's plight during the last days.

January 3.—Two Royal Australian Air Force planes came in sight, but we failed to attract their attention.

January 8.—We erected a flag-pole on adjacent hill.

January 9.—Two tablets lost. Flies and ants awful.

January 11.—(3 p.m.)—Three planes overhead, dropped food-stuffs; eagerness.

January 12.—Mr. Giles and party arrived. Left for Alice Springs.

The two airmen are now at Alice Springs recuperating after their 21 days' ordeal by heat and thirst.

TRAINING COLLEGE FOR POLICEMEN.

MEN "WASTED" IN LOWER RANKS.

"TIPS" DEGRADING.

A strong defence of the suggested establishment of a college for the police force of England and Wales, and an equally strong condemnation of the practice of "tipping," a policeman, are the principal features of the final report for the year ended September 30, 1930, of Sir Leonard Dunning, who last year retired from the position of Inspector of Constabulary.

Too Much Exertion.—The idea of a police college, says Sir Leonard, "strikes some people as a novelty," but he points out that the police force stands almost alone among disciplined organizations in having no definite scheme of training for the duties of the higher ranks which cannot be picked up by the men in the ranks.

During the year under review twenty-three men were dismissed and 114 ordered to resign in lieu of dismissal. The previous year the figures were seventy-one and seventy-five respectively, and "the increase must be a matter for regret."

MR. BOTTOMLEY'S LIBEL ACTION.

SALE OF AN AMERICAN MAGAZINE.

Mention of a libel action in which Mr. Horatio Bottomley is the plaintiff and the defendants are Messrs. F. W. Woolworth & Co., Ltd., was made in the Court of Appeal.

Mr. Malcolm Hilbery, K.C., for Messrs. Woolworth, made the application to strike out a paragraph of the statement of claim on the ground of non-compliance with an order of the Court.

It was complained, he said, that in 1927 Messrs. Woolworth & Co. sold an American magazine called "Detective Story Magazine," in which there was an article headed, "Swindlers and Scoundrels: Horatio Bottomley, Editor and Embellisher."

Selected passages were set out which Mr. Bottomley said were derogatory to him, and he complained that there was an innuendo that he blackmailed people.

Mr. Hilbery said that Mr. Bottomley, in his submission, had trifled with the order of the Court concerning particulars. When there was an order for further and better particulars, his solicitor wrote that the best particulars that Mr. Bottomley could give at that stage were that two copies of the magazine were purchased at two London shops of Messrs. Woolworth. Mr. Bottomley also set up all the Woolworth addresses in London, disregarding whether they were shops, warehouses, or stores.

Lord Justice Scrutton: I suppose Woolworths know very well all their shops at which this magazine was on sale.

Mr. Hilbery replied that the firm's system involved great buying, and they did not necessarily keep track of every article.

"Tong of Journalism."

Mr. Hilbery explained that the magazines were out-of-date American journalism, and were bought in bulk.

"I might put it this way," he said. "They buy two tons of American journalism. This enables them to send so many hundred-weights to each of their shops."

Mr. Hilbery said he wanted particulars of the various shops in which Mr. Bottomley said that copies of the magazine were sold, adding, "Then I will call people from those shops who will say that they had not the slightest idea what was inside the covers."

The application was dismissed. Lord Justice Scrutton, remarking that the Court saw no reason to interfere with the orders which had been made by the Master and Mr. Justice Hawkins in the matter of particulars.

"I think," he said, "this is rather an example of the sort of thing which is making litigation expensive."

ed up in the course of duty in the lower ranks.

"Whether a vacancy in the higher ranks is filled by promotion or by appointment from some other field of employment," he says, "there is too much of experiment about the selection. Many a man chosen turns out well—maybe because of misdeeds in spite of his antecedents; others turn out indifferently or badly."

Such experiment, Sir Leonard thinks, would be largely removed by the establishment of a college as suggested, and in furtherance of his appeal he adds the following argument which is calculated to carry with it the full weight of the policy of justice and fairness for every one.

"It will test those whose faith, duty, performance of duty, has brought them to notice, and will probably bring to notice those whose qualities are being wasted in the lower ranks. Each year the college should turn out a number of men definitely trained for greater or less degrees of responsibility."

The question of offering "tips" to policemen has been dealt with by Sir Leonard in previous reports, and he states that the necessity for again referring to it exists to-day, and will exist "so long as the popular idea that there is no harm in tipping a policeman is kept alive by the still too ready acceptance of the proffered tip."

"Tips," says Sir Leonard, "have a degrading effect upon a body of men who aspire to have their occupation regarded as a profession, and they may lead to far worse practices."

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HOME POLITICAL RUMOURS.

TALES THAT FLOAT IN THE LOBBIES.

The chaotic state of politics at present is shown by the rumours in circulation in the Lobbies says the *New Chronicle* of February 23.

No story seems too fantastic to find believers, and many hard-headed politicians frankly confess that they "do not know where they are."

1.—Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Baldwin are to take part in a series of meetings of the Labour Party—or (an alternative version) he is to be given a post to the Government.

2.—Mr. Lloyd George, as a sign of his loyalty to the Government, is to be given a post to the Government.

3.—Sir John Simon is to join the Conservatives.

4.—Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Snowden are to resign as a protest against disloyalty in their Party.

5.—The Liberal Party is to divide, in almost equal parts, one part going to the Conservatives, and the other to Labour.

6.—The whole Liberal Party is to go over to Labour.

Mosley and Beaverbrook.

7.—Sir Oswald Mosley's group of young Labour Members, a number of young Liberals, and a number of young Tories are to join forces to establish a national policy.

8.—Sir Oswald Mosley is to go over to Lord Beaverbrook.

9.—Mr. Snowden is to abandon his Free Trade principles, and introduce import taxes in the coming Budget.

10.—Mr. Winston Churchill is aiming at the leadership of the Conservative Party—and Mr. Baldwin will be ready to let him have it.

11.—Mr. Winston Churchill is prepared to link up with Lord Beaverbrook and apparently Sir Oswald Mosley.

All these stories are material for serious discussions in the smoking rooms of the House of Commons, and none knows which may, in the end, turn out to be true.

RANDOLPH CHURCHILL.

HIS REPORTED ENGAGEMENT.

Before Mr. Randolph Churchill, Mr. Winston Churchill's son, left New York with his mother for Palm Beach, Florida, he was asked whether the story was correct that he was engaged to Miss Catherine Halle, the debutante member of a wealthy Cleveland family, and that his mother's visit was in connection with that engagement.

He replied: "I decline to make any statement about that. I will neither confirm nor deny it."

"My mother has come to the United States to spend some time at Palm Beach and I am accompanying her. I expect it will be another two months before I return to England, as I have a number of lecture engagements to fulfil."

Arrangements have been made for Mr. Winston Churchill to undertake an extensive speaking tour in America next autumn and he will address audiences in 40 of the largest cities in the United States and Canada.

Mr. Winston Churchill was "highly amused" by reports from New York of the rumoured engagement of his 18-year-old son.

Newspaper reports are the only intimation Mr. Churchill has received of the rumours, a member of Mr. Churchill's household told a reporter.

"They came as rather a shock to him, and he does not know what to think. It can be said, however, that nothing is known here about the rumours, and that the visit Mrs. Churchill is paying to the United States has no connection with them."

The B.I. as Talma left Singapore for this port on the 17th instant, and is due here on the 22nd instant. The B.I. as Tilawa will leave Amoy for this port on the 22nd instant, and is due here on the 23rd instant.

ALLEGED OPIUM
SMUGGLING.SHIP'S COMPADORE
DISCHARGED.

OPIUM ON S.S. KWANG TUNG.

The case in which the assistant compradore of the s.s. Kwang Tung and two other persons were charged in connection with an alleged attempt to import 2,400 taels of opium into the Colony, was continued before Mr. W. Schofield at Criminal Magistrate yesterday.

Mr. D. B. Evans of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master represented the assistant compradore, Mr. Leo d'Almeida represented one man described as a travelling trader and Mr. C. E. L. Grist represented the remaining defendants.

An interesting point was raised by Mr. Evans during the case for the prosecution conducted by Mr. R. R. Todd. The latter showed that the compradore had admitted receiving 80 cents freight on the eight cases involved but there was no entry in the manifest covering the shipment of these cases.

Mr. Evans asked Acting Chief Preventative Officer Buller how it came about that the assistant compradore was deemed to be the man responsible for the manifest. He also asked who was responsible for the manifest?

C. P. O. Buller replied that he thought the Captain would be responsible.

Mr. Evans: Why did you not arrest the Captain?

C. P. O. Buller: He does not make the manifest out personally but he signs it.

Mr. Evans: The assistant compradore makes out the manifest?—I would not go so far as to say that.

How could he possibly have entered anything on the manifest if he did not make up the manifest? (No answer.)

You never found out who made up that manifest?—I cannot say who did.

If it had been anybody else—say the purser—would you have arrested him?—If I knew he did it with malice aforethought I would.

"Malice Aforethought."

Did you know if the assistant compradore made it up with malice aforethought?—He received eighty cents as freight.

At the close of the case for the prosecution, Mr. Evans submitted that his client should be discharged as the prosecution had brought no evidence to show that he unlawfully did import raw opium. The only thing that was proved was that the manifest was incorrect and that the compradore department had received eighty cents in respect of eight cases. "He is not charged with making an incorrect manifest but with failing to manifest raw opium. The prosecution has not shown that the contents of the cases were known to my client at all," added Mr. Evans.

Mr. Todd, for the prosecution, said that the assistant compradore was the person in charge of the compradore's office for that trip. He would allege that the eight cases involved were "pigeon" cargo and therefore their presence on the ship had been deliberately left out of the manifest.

His Worship pointed out that "pigeon" cargo was frequently left out of the manifest. He could not see why the compradore should be presumed to know the contents of the eight cases involved. "You have not shown that the assistant Compradore had any sort of knowledge that any raw opium was on the ship. I think he must be discharged."

The case against the two other defendants was adjourned.

TURKEY FEELING SOVIET PUSH.

RUSSIAN DUMPING HURTING TRADERS.

Constantinople, Mar. 12.—Turkish traders are beginning to feel the pressure of Soviet competition in the home markets for rugs, minerals and tobacco.

With trade already at a low ebb owing to the general economic depression, merchants declare that Russian dumping is now proving the last straw.

A deputation of Turkish business men is going to Ankara to urge the Government to introduce protective measures.

ALLEGED PERJURY.

INDIAN ON TRIAL AT THE
SESSIONS.SEQUEL TO EVIDENCE AT
SUMMARY COURT.

The trial of Fauja Singh, an Indian money-lender, on a charge of perjury, alleged to have committed in a Summary Jurisdiction action when he was the plaintiff, commenced at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, before the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Wood) and a jury.

Mrs. Somerset Fitzroy is prosecuting for the Crown, while Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. J. M. d'Almeida Remedios, is defending.

The case arose from promissory notes signed by clerks in the employ of the Hong Kong Electric Company. Mr. Fitzroy explained that F. Remedios borrowed \$150 from accused and signed a note for \$300, this being also signed by H. E. Vieira. Subsequently Remedios borrowed \$300, signing the note for \$100, together with F. A. Robertson. In October, 1930, a further sum of \$150 was obtained, and a fresh note for \$1,000 was signed, it being understood that the two previous notes were included in the third, which were signed jointly by Remedios and R. Costa.

Accused had sworn that there had been no consolidation of the two notes in the third document, but witnesses for the Crown would say otherwise.

Called as a witness in the case, Mr. S. Jarvis, of the Hong Kong Electric Company, said that he investigated the debts of Remedios with various money-lenders and effected a settlement with them including the note for \$300 (signed for \$1,000) with the accused.

Borrower's Evidence.

F. Remedios stated in evidence that he signed the two notes for \$300 and \$400. In October, last year, he went to Macdonnell Road and asked accused for a further loan of \$150, but the accused suggested that the two old notes should be embodied in a new note, and he also required a new signature, for which purpose he took Costa with him the next day when he obtained the money.

Witness continued that he asked for the return of the old notes, but the accused told him that he did not have the documents with him and suggested a meeting at Blake Pier two days later. Accused did not keep the appointment, and when witness paid another visit to the accused's place he was told that the notes had been torn up.

Witness identified a list showing his debts which he said was compiled by him at the request of Mr. C. G. Silva, the chief clerk, who had been instructed by Mr. Jarvis to investigate how much money was owing to the money-lenders.

In cross-examination, witness admitted that his mother came to hear of his financial difficulties and that eventually the news reached his employers. He denied that in order to make the picture look better he kept back some of the debts and asked the accused to help him on those lines.

Large Sum Omitted.

Mr. Jenkin drew attention to a sum of \$350 due to Buchanan Singh, which did not appear in the list prepared by witness or in Mr. Silva's list. Witness explained that he forgot the name at the time, but he drew Mr. Silva's attention to the omission the next day.

Witness denied that Fauja Singh called on him early in January and demanded payment on the notes when he promised to settle the next day.

In re-examination by Mr. Fitzroy, witness said that at the end of September he paid the accused \$35 as interest for one month on the two notes. He paid interest at the rate of 10 per cent. on the amount lent, although the rate of interest was stated in the note as two per cent.

Questioned further by Crown Counsel and his Lordship, witness said that the rates given in the notes as April, 1930, and August, 1930, were not in his handwriting. He borrowed the money towards the end of 1929 and had been paying interest since.

The trial was adjourned until this morning.

GUILT ADMITTED.

SENTENCES PASSED AT
SESSIONS.JURY EMANELLED IN
ONE CASE.

A plea of guilty was tendered by accused in two of the Criminal Sessions cases included in the present month's calendar which opened yesterday.

Loing Sing, a man of many aliases, pleaded guilty before Mr. Justice Wood to charges of larceny and breach of a deportation order. He was sentenced to a term of three years and six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Ng Cheuk Yin, Chin Wai had Chin Yung, who appeared before Mr. Justice Lindsell on a charge of armed robbery at Cheung On Street, Kowloon, admitted the offence. A sentence of five years' imprisonment with hard labour was passed in each case. A fourth man, Man Tong, who was charged with receiving stolen property, was sentenced to two years' hard labour, his Lordship remarking that accused was fortunate that he was not indicted on the more serious charge.

Doctor Attacked.

In another case of armed robbery, Fong Ping elected to take his trial before a jury. Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, outlining the case for the Crown, described the accused's visit to the house of a Chinese doctor where the latter was stabbed in the head and his wife was also injured.

After hearing evidence, the jury returned a verdict of guilty against the prisoner. In passing sentence of six years' hard labour, Mr. Justice Lindsell told the accused that, but for the medical evidence as to his physical condition, strokes would have been included in the sentence.

The remaining case on the calendar, apart from the perjury trial, will be taken by Mr. Justice Lindsell this morning. A Chinese is indicted in this case for assault with intent to rob.

MISSIONARIES RETURN TO LINGCHOW.

PEACE AND ORDER FULLY RESTORED.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Mar. 19.

Dr. and Mrs. Selden, Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Edwards, Miss Elda Peterson, and Dr. and Mrs. Bradshaw, all American missionary workers of the Presbyterian Church, have left Canton for Lingchow, in the northern part of Kwangtung.

These missionaries were forced to leave their post six weeks ago for Canton on account of the ravages of the Communist hordes under the notorious Li Ming Shui of Kwangsi. Now that these outlaws have been driven out by the Government troops in co-operation with the people's militia there, the American mission workers have gone back to their respective posts, where peace and order has now been fully restored.

JAPANESE WARSHIPS IN PORT.

OFFICIAL DINNER LAST NIGHT.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Training Squadron, Vice-Admiral M. Sikonji, arrived in port yesterday on board the Flag Ship Yakuimo, which was accompanied by the warship Inazuma.

The Vice-Admiral visited His Excellency the Governor yesterday morning and Sir William Peel, in turn, made an inspection of the Japanese ships.

The two vessels carry 180 cadets who are making a training cruise through the China ports and as far as India. Three bus loads of the cadets made a sightseeing tour through the Colony yesterday.

The cadets left Yokohama on March 5, and visited Formosa before coming here. According to the Japanese Consul, the ships will not leave here until March 20.

A dinner was held last night at the Hong Kong Hotel, given by the Japanese Consul, Mr. Yoshida. Among the guests were: H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir W. A. H. Kelly, H.E. Major-General J. W. Sandilands, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Commodore A. H. Walker, Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Dr. R. H. Rolleston and members of the Consular body.

PUBLIC MONEY
VOTES.ITEMS BEFORE FINANCE
COMMITTEE TO-DAY.

NEWS SERVICES.

Votes totalling \$15,170 are to come before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council at a meeting this afternoon. Some of the items are as follows:—

\$1,001, education, expenses of course of study.—To provide fees not exceeding £30 to enable Mr. L. G. Morgan, Science Master in the Education Department, to attend an advance course in education at the London Day Training College which is the London University School of Pedagogy in the Faculty of Arts. The course will enhance the value of Mr. Morgan's services to the Colony. Mr. Morgan will contribute half the leave for which he is normally eligible and has already spent a vacation in Central China in connection with an educational thesis which he will be called upon to submit.

News Services.

\$11,000, contribution for News Services.—Government's liability for this service is £200 per month plus the cost of telegrams estimated at \$300 p.m. Liability under the present agreement extends to April 30 and it is estimated that a further vote of \$11,000 will be required thereafter. The sum provided in the Estimates was under-estimated and the deficit accentuated by the fall in exchange.

Medical Expenses.

\$2,400, medical expenses, bills of doctors and opticians.—The Finance Committee on December 3, 1930, voted the sum of \$916 to meet doctors' and opticians' fees in accordance with a decision that the previous practice of deposits should be replaced by a system of crediting revenue with the sums paid by parents and debiting expenditure with the fees in question. A vote for \$2,500 is now requested in order to continue the new practice in 1931, no provision having been made in the Estimates for this year. The revenue collected under "Entrance Fees" will fully cover the expenditure.

DELAY IN EXTRADITION CASE.

STRONG PROTEST BY SOLICITOR.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, Mr. F. H. Loseby, for Mrs. Jeng See, whose extradition to the United States is sought by the Federal Government on a charge of grand larceny, renewed his protest against further delay when it was suggested to him that the woman might have to wait four months in prison before the formalities connected with her surrender were completed.

Loseby pointed out that the woman was ready to waive all these proceedings, and return of her accord, and yet she was kept waiting while the Colony and Court were being dictated to by a foreign Government and made to wait on its pleasure.

Continuing, Mr. Loseby suggested three alternative lines for action by the Magistrate—a reduction of bail, a report by the Magistrate of the facts to the Governor who could then order the woman's release, or without hearing from the Magistrate, order her release under the circumstances. Regarding the last point, Mr. Loseby said he was communicating with His Excellency.

His Worship said he would consider further the points raised by Mr. Loseby, and with that object, adjourn the case over until noon on Monday. Bail for the present would be as before, namely, \$75,000.

"IRON" GIRL EXECUTED.

PRISONERS HISS CHAPLAIN.

New York.—The first woman to be electrocuted in Pennsylvania, Mrs. Irene Schroeder, aged 22, walked calmly to the electric chair in the Western Penitentiary a few minutes ahead of her condemned lover, Glenn Dague, a former Sunday school teacher, whom she had lured to a life of crime.

After a brief criminal career, during which the pair committed a number of petty robberies, they received death sentences for shooting a traffic policeman. The murder was traced to Mrs. Schroeder after her four-year-old son had boasted to a policeman: "My mother killed a cop like you."

Nine hundred prisoners in the penitentiary bowed the chaplain and the matrons on their way to the execution chamber.

Mrs. Schroeder was known as "Iron Irene" because of her stolid indifference, and she betrayed no emotion when led to execution, spending her last hours reading comic papers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[All letters intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not for publication, unless so desired, but as evidence of good faith.—Ed.]

A SERVICE TOAST.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—I notice in the report of Mr. F. P. R. James' speech at St. Patrick's Ball the following remark:—"In the persons of H.E. Admiral Kelly, and Commodore Walker, we are toasting the R.N. and the R.A.F."

Now I may be mistaken, but I have always been under the impression that the R.A.F. was a separate service from the Royal Navy as is the Army. I am open to correction, but I believe the Royal Air Force was formed as a separate service in 1918. As this is barely thirteen years ago, and as we have only had the R.A.F. among us in Hong Kong since 1927, perhaps it is asking rather a lot of the citizens of our Empire to realise that that Empire provides them with three fighting services. But surely those gentlemen who make speeches at public gatherings might be expected to be better informed. On the face of it the statement appears as absurd as if Mr. James had toasted the Royal Navy in the person of the General Officer Commanding—Yours, etc.,

EX GUNNER.

SEQUEL TO 'BUS FATALITY.

DRIVER EXONERATED.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton sat as Coroner at an inquiry at Kowloon Magistrate yesterday, which was held to inquire into the death of a Chinese boy named Kwok Ping (7), who was knocked down by a motor-bus along Shanghai Street on January 30 last.

In the box, Dr. Keetley of the Kowloon Mortuary said on January 31, at 10 a.m., the body of the boy was identified in his presence by the mother and a friend. He found a bruise on the right side of the face and head, small abrasions on the left side of the head, the front of the chest and the front of the right knee. The child had been dead about 24 hours.

Evidence of identification was given by the mother and the friend after an independent witness, who saw the accident. The driver then went into the box where he said that as his bus was entering Ningpo Road, he saw a boy run across the street. He slowed down and sounded the horn, then went on again. Then another boy dashed out from the pavement and was knocked down. He then backed the bus and the boy was extricated. The latter was not dead at the time.

The jury returned a verdict of "accidental death," and exonerated the driver from blame.

HUMAN LIFE-LINE DRAMA.

WOMAN OF 82 DROWNED AT BRIGHTON.

Heroic efforts to save a woman of 82 from the raging sea at Brighton were watched by thousands of people who lined the front. The woman was seen to walk down a groynes and fall into the water. Three young men at once formed a human life-line and one managed to reach her, but the waves dashed them apart and the men had difficulty in regaining the beach.

They were: Mr. R. A. Bayley, of St. Mary's place, Brighton; Mr. Brian Carson, of Walpole-terrace, Brighton; and Police-constable Jeeves, of the Brighton Force, who was off duty and in plain clothes.

When the human chain broke, George Rogers, a boatman, attempted to launch a boat, but a great wave swamped it.

The woman was drowned, her body being recovered after a three hours' struggle. She was identified as Mrs. Esther Chasman, aged 82, a widow, of Leicester-street, Brighton.

Although his clothes were saturated by the swarming of his boat, Rogers, accompanied by Police-Sergeant Chick, ran to the Palace Pier, a mile away, and there, in calmer water, the two launched a rowing-boat and pulled for the spot where they had last seen the woman.

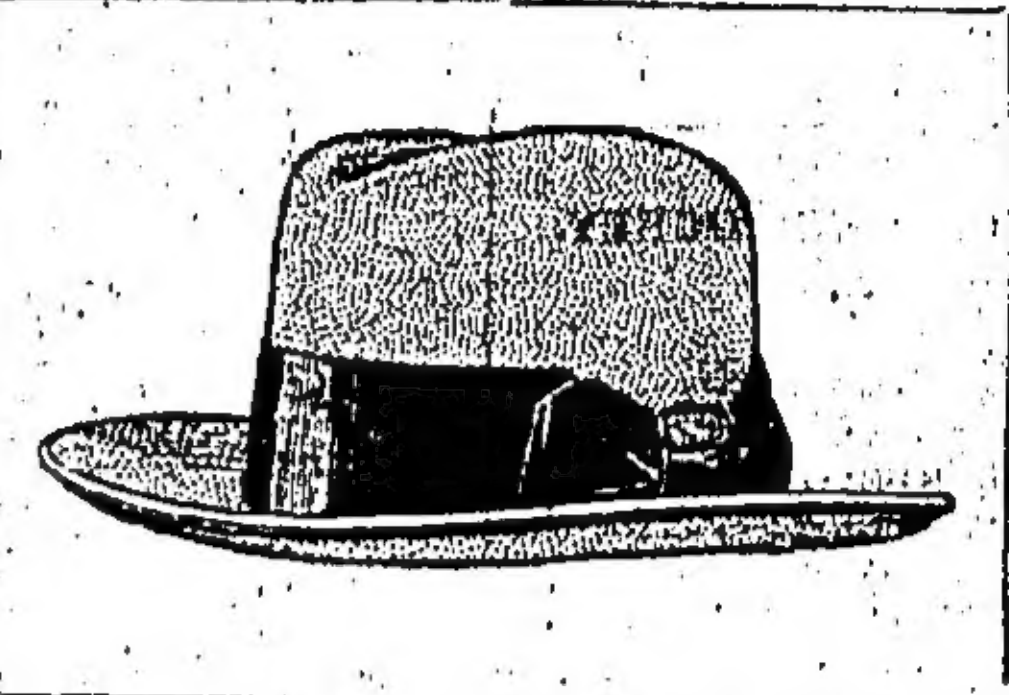
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Joint Secretaries: N. L. SMITH, Col. Secy's Office, R. E. LINDSELL, Supreme Court, [489]

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd MARCH to 31st MARCH, 1931, Both Dates inclusive.

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NOTICE.

MR. B. A. HYDER is No Longer connected with our Flat Garage.

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For THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.,

F. C. BAILEY, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 15th March, 1931. [478]

H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

COMPETITORS are Requested to Note that A COMPLETE LIST of MATCHES Fixed for the Current Week is on View in the CLUB PAVILION on EVERY MONDAY, and that they should make themselves acquainted with the Dates on which they are down to play.

TIES in the HANDICAP EVENTS are Now being arranged. [482]

HONG KONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE THIRD YEARLY DRAWING of DEBENTURES (1928) of the HONG KONG CLUB, Payable on WEDNESDAY, the 30th SEPTEMBER, 1931, will be held in the CLUB HOUSE, at 11 O'CLOCK A.M., on FRIDAY, the 20th MARCH, 1931.

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By Order, T. A. ROBERTSON, Lieut. Col., Secretary.

Hong Kong, 11th March, 1931. [444]

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Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.05 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone has weakened slightly. Strong to fresh monsoon will continue along the S.E. Coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy generally.

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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, MARCH 19, 1931.

THE DIRECTORY AND CHRONICLE OF THE FAR EAST: 1931.

DESPITE the great mass of fiction which is published every year, there are still some extraordinary souls whose favourite reading is Bradshaw, and who take a pleasure in working out the connections for complicated railway journeys. But whether they are any more successful in making connections than the readers of EDGAR WALLACE has never been established. Some people have an encyclopaedia neurosis, and, starting in youth to read each page of the Encyclopaedia Britannica faithfully, before they have tasted the knowledge contained in MAD-MOC. There was a man for whom medical journals had a morbid fascination. He read with ever increasing aches and pains until the day when he found that, though he was suffering from every known disease, he could discover in himself no symptom of housemaid's knee, and died of despair. There are women who cherish thoughts of shrieks through years of blameless spinsterhood, and hundreds who in the dark streets of our industrial towns find solace in reading tales of foreign lands set under tropic skies, or in the open spaces where men are men.

It is with no apology, therefore, that we announce the publication to-day of our *Directory and Chronicle of the Far East for 1931*. In fact, we take what we feel to be a not unjustifiable pride in the announcement. The *Directory* is a compendium of information collected with much care and many pains, covering a vast area, from Vladivostok in the North to Sourabaya in the South, and from Bangkok to Tokyo. The names, business addresses, codes, etc., of over ten thousand firms and entered in their appropriate sections, a classified list of trades with the names and addresses of the firms concerned arranged in alphabetical order has been added this year, grouped under three headings, China, Japan and Malaya, and an alphabetical list of cable addresses for the whole of the Far East has also been compiled.

The list of foreign residents comprising the names of over 20,000 men with the positions they now occupy is not only useful, but provides excellent reading for those who buy *The Times* in order to study the births, deaths and marriages. How satisfactory to read that Jones, who thought himself so indispensable to the firm, has had to take an inferior position with a minor business concern, how delightful to see that Smith is still an assistant, while dear Harry has become a branch manager!

Then there is the *Chronicle*. Are you offered a job in Taiwan, you can read here what the place and climate are like; what facilities there are for sport and recreation. Do you propose to open a branch of your business in Chungking or Canton, you can see what the trade of the town has been of late years, what class of people live there and judge if there is a market for your goods.

And should you be a writer? Here indeed will you find this volume beyond price. Almost every name, possible and impossible, European and Oriental, is to be found between the covers, and you need not make that blunder so frequently and flagrantly perpetrated by writers of Far Eastern tales, of calling your well-born hero by the name of a colic. You will find in the *Chronicle* a wealth of material for incident to decorate your tale; the great flood that swept away villages and devastated a countryside in 19—; the revolt in which your hero won his laurels, with chapter and verse for date and incident; the present condition and features of any district in which you choose to set your tale. If you wish to become a real authority on modern China what better method than that of reading the *Directory and Chronicle* from Page 1 to Page 2088. Our own proof readers are more than mines of information, they are persons of great learning in the history and commerce of the Far East.

TO A LITTLE ONE SLEEPING.

Sweet be thy sleep, little daughter of Light!

From darkness thy beauty shall borrow;

Angels will keep loving watch through the night

And wake thee to joy on the morrow.

JOHN WILLIAMS.

The Queen and the Fashions.

The Queen's remarks at the Artificial Silk Exhibition that she liked skirts of medium length, and that the new long flared skirts must be difficult to wear, have been described as surprising! Her Majesty did not wear trailing skirts even when they were fashionable at the beginning of the century. Moreover, the fact that she keeps to a distinctive style of dress herself need not be taken as proof that she has no interest in the changes of fashion. As the Queen she is perfectly dressed, but that is not to say that she would follow the same style of dress as a private person in a less ceremonious life. The King holds firm views on how Royal Ladies should dress. There is a Royal family joke of an occasion when Princess Mary, as a girl in her teens, wanting to wear a collarless day frock, received a parental reminder to study the effects of Marie Antoinette's extravagances in dress.

★ Local Notes and Events ★

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Humphreys

left for Vancouver yesterday on the R.M.S. Empress of Russia.

Sir Robert Ho Tung left for Shanghai and North of China yesterday by the Tatsuta Maru.

An Entertainment for children and adults will be given at the Helena May on Thursday, March 20, at 5.30 p.m., when Professor Weldon Talwar will show some of his wonderful tricks and novelties. This is an excellent show, please book your tickets in advance.

About 10.30 p.m. on Tuesday an alarm was sent out by the Tsim Wan Police Station to the effect that a ship was in distress near Capatsum Pass and was sounding its siren. The Kausing went out, but found no vessel in that vicinity, the alarm apparently being a false one.

Professor L. Forster, M.A., will deliver a lecture on "The Position of Chinese Study" on Wednesday, March 25, at 8.30 p.m., in the Union Assembly Room, when the next meeting of the Education Society is held. The lecture is open to the public and all interested are welcome.

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—Mr. Richard Peter Brown, lighthouse-keeper, residing at Mongkok Fire Station, to Miss Elizabeth Maria Mendonca, of 61, Shapoo Road, Kowloon City. Mr. Evaristo Eusebio dos Remedios, teacher, residing at 17, Nanking Street, to Miss Caroline Maria Vieira Bibico, of 2, Granville Road, Kowloon.

Happy Authors?

The successful author is a fortunate man. He is the one who can take his tools to any part of the world without reducing his earning capacity. At present it would be difficult to find more than 50 per cent. of our successful authors in England. Italy and the South of France have their quota. Mr. Robert Hichens, "Saprey" and Mr. Algernon Blackwood—the last a genuine ski expert—have spent the winter in Switzerland. Mr. A. P. Herbert is shortly going to Colombo. All this is very nice for the authors, but does it improve their work?

Zinc Mine to Close Down.

The low price to which zinc has fallen since the beginning of the slump is evidently bringing about its own remedy. It is reported that the Zinc Corporation, one of the large Australian zinc producers, has given notice that operations will be suspended in mid-April. This undoubtedly has had something to do with the rise in the price of spelter as the decision means a reduction of 21,000 tons of the metal per annum. The zinc-lead-silver mines of Australia have been severely hit during the past year, not only by the fall in prices of these metals but also by the heavy discount on the Australian pound.

London's Open Spaces.

Although London has admittedly a surprising number of parks and open spaces, there is constant agitation for more. Various voluntary associations exist for the purpose of providing more recreation grounds and playing fields for London citizens. Since the war building has proceeded rapidly in many districts and there is a possibility that in many cases spaces which should be kept open from a public health point of view may be built over if energetic action is not taken. An enthusiast demands that the acreage of parks and commons now in existence in and around London should be doubled. In the new Survey of London which has just been published it is shown that the competition for cricket pitches and playing fields under public management is now extremely keen, and the area that may be used is limited. If that area cannot be secured for this purpose it will fall into the hands of the builders. Private sports clubs cannot compete with the building trade and the demand is therefore made that the public authorities should intervene. It is believed that much can be done by the exercise of town-planning powers, and various private bodies interested are about to meet and consider steps to be taken for the purpose of Health. Should this step be taken there will be widespread sympathy with the demand, for it is generally realised that it is in the interests of public welfare. London is much better off than many capitals in this regard, but that is no reason for being satisfied with things as they are.

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About noon yesterday an alarm

accident occurred on Upper Garden Road. It appears that a taxi, which had developed mechanical trouble earlier in the morning, was being repaired when it suddenly began to roll down the incline, and finally came to rest in a garden. It was badly damaged, but fortunately no one was in it at the time.

Miss Violet Capell informs us that the gross takings from the two entertainments given at the Theatre Royal on the 4th and 8th instants amounted to \$1,201. In the meantime she is forwarding a draft to the London Hospital for £10, and is also making some donations to do serving local charities. Miss Capell also wishes to thank all her pupils who are generously contributed towards the gift which has been presented her.

At the Marine Court yesterday, Capt. T. Kawamata, of the M. S. Matsu Maru, was charged with arriving in the harbour (a) with having pigs on his vessel not stowed according to regulations, (b) bullocks not properly stowed, and (c) poultry not properly stowed. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$100 or six months on the first count, \$100 or six months on the second and \$50 or three months on the third.

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Women in the Banks.

Mr. F. Hyde, general manager of the Midland Bank, giving evidence before the Royal Commission on the Civil Service, said that women were more satisfactory than men on the modern machine work in banks. Of the 11,000 clerical employees 2000 were women, who were engaged on typing, secretarial work, and adding and ledger posting machines. "Men, I think, get tired of the work sooner than women," said Mr. Hyde. "They are not quite content to remain at it indefinitely, and seem to have some other experience to help them to get on." Women retired 10 years earlier than men because "a woman is generally ready to retire at the age of 50. They become a little difficult to manage as they get older."

"Duleep" to Captain Sussex C.O.

K. S. Duleepinbji, the England and Cambridge University cricketer, has been invited to become captain of the Sussex County Cricket Club. At the meeting of the County Club a letter was read from Mr. Harold Gilligan resigning his captaincy because of pressure of business. It was recently announced that Duleepinbji was likely to become the Sussex captain. The accounts showed a balance on the right side of £2,030. It will be remembered that "Duleep's" uncle, K. S. Ranjitsinhji, now the Jam of Nawangar, was for many years the Sussex Captain. C. B. Fry was his chief colleague, and the leading professionals of the team were A. E. Relf, Harry Butt, Joe Vine, Killick, and F. W. Tate, the father of Maurice Tate.

A Business-like Prima Donna.

Dame Nellie—that was what she liked to be called—fought death with the pluck that she had fought life. There was never any nonsense about her, and though she could be "difficult," she had little of the temperamental moodiness so often associated with a prima donna. She was a good business woman, and had wonderful nerve. During a performance of "Lucia" in America the theatre caught fire. There were screams and a panic. Melba stopped in the middle of a song, addressed the audience, assuring them there was no danger (though there was), and all went well until the conductor started to climb on the stage, shouting with excitement. As he continued to climb up she leant forward and gave him a resounding crack on the head. He fell back senseless. But there was no more panic. Dame Nellie had been a friend of the Royal family for nearly forty years. His Majesty is not nowdays a frequent patron of opera. But it was not always so. "In the spring of 1893," Melba wrote in her "Melodies and Memories," "I redeemed my promise to Leonora by creating at Covent Garden the rôle of Nedda in 'Pagliacci,' which, by the way, is one of King George's favourite operas." His Majesty told me that he saw at ten times during that season alone."

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A Recipe for Old Age.

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It is now some time over a month ago (says the *Foochow Herald*) since two obnoxious placards made their appearance on the walls and buildings of, not alone, this settlement, but the City of Foochow, suburbs, and adjacent villages as well. These placards, it seems, had for their object and idea on the part of the *literati* and gentry that they were the all powerful people of the port of Foochow, and so to say, had the making (or rather breaking) of the laws in their own hands. The first placard was brought to our notice on the 24th of January last, and notice of the other, closely followed. We have with due patience awaited the issue arising from such knowledge of the placards by the Consular Body at this port, and we are pleased to note the execution of a counter Proclamation from the Chinese officials. *Hong Kong Daily Press*, March 10, 1931.

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The Apostolic Delegation at Peking have received news that Father Filla has been released by the bandits in Shensi. Page 9.

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Burtin and Moench, the French fliers who are engaged on a flight from Paris to Tokyo, arrived at the Hungao aerodrome yesterday. Page 9.

The Finance Minister, Mr. T. V. Soong, has submitted to the Central Political Council a Memorandum proposing a revision of the export tariff schedule. Page 9.

An American corporation has signed a contract with the Roumanian Government for the control of the electric power of the nation. Page 9.

The late Mr. Montague Stanley Napier, the designer of the engine for the Gloucester-Napier seaplane which was used in the Schneider Trophy race, left £1,245,000. Page 9.

Nobukatsu Sato, who shot and dangerously wounded M. Paul Anikeieff, the Soviet Counsellor at Tokyo, was indicted and charged with attempted murder and sent to prison. Page 9.

It is learned in Tokyo that Japan has instructed Mr. Kuriyama, Counsellor of the Japanese Embassy at Paris, to attend the conference of naval experts to be held in London on the 19th inst. Page 9.

It was officially stated in the House of Commons yesterday by the Air Minister, Mr. Montague, that the report by the Committee investigating the cause of the disaster which befell the airship R.101 is not yet complete. Page 9.

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LADY MISSIONARIES
MURDERED.GRUESOME CRIME AT
YUNNANFU.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEIPING, Mar. 18. A foreign official message from Yunnanfu, dated the 10th inst., states that two American missionary ladies were murdered there during the previous night.

The names of the victims are not given.

The crime is not believed to be connected with the political troubles in Yunnan, where the situation is still confused.

Four of the recalcitrant Generals failed to agree regarding the constitution of the Government, so they are requesting General Lung Yun to return and take up his post as Chairman.

Murders Committed by Discharged Servants.

It is learned that the murdered missionaries at Yunnanfu are Mrs. Miller and Mrs. White.

Both ladies were killed during the night by discharged servants, who fractured their skulls with hatchets apparently while asleep.

The husbands of the ladies were absent at Taihu.

Mrs. White's two children were not injured.

Hitherto no arrests have been made.

Victims' Husbands Absent.

SHANGHAI, Mar. 18. The Seventh Day Adventists here received a wire from Yunnanfu stating that Mrs. White and Mrs. Miller were found murdered in bed on Monday morning.

One of the ladies was dead and the other lady passed away in Yunnanfu Hospital shortly afterwards.

Mrs. White's two children were present, but were not harmed.

Both women's husbands are at present at Taihu, 200 miles and a ten days' journey from Yunnanfu.

The wire does not mention the cause of the murders nor the perpetrators.

EXTRA-TERRITORIALITY IN CHINA.

SINO-DUTCH NEGOTIATIONS.

[Wah Tai Yat Pao.]

NANKING, Mar. 18. The Dutch Minister opened negotiations with Dr. C. T. Wang, the Nanking Foreign Minister, on the extra-territoriality problem to-day.

The Dutch Minister expressed the attitude of the Dutch Government, that it was prepared to surrender extra-territoriality in China if other Powers take the lead.

Dr. Wang regarded this statement as satisfactory.

SINO-SOVIET CONFERENCE.

[Wah Tai Yat Pao.]

NANKING, Mar. 18. The Nanking Government has received a report from Mo Teh Hui, the Chinese delegate to the Sino-Soviet Conference, stating that Mr. Karakhan has notified him of the Soviet Government's intention to resume the session of the Conference at Moscow at an earlier date—probably in April—if China agrees.

Mo Teh Hui suggests that he is prepared to proceed to Moscow.

KUOMINTANG IN MANCHURIA.

[Chun Wan Yat Pao.]

MUKDEN, Mar. 18. The scheme for establishing Kuomintang Party branches in Manchuria is progressing, and the Central Kuomintang Headquarters at Nanking is expected soon to announce the names of the executive committee members of various party branches in the Three Provinces.

SILVER QUESTION IN CHINA.

U. S. SENATORS TO INVESTIGATE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17. Senator Oddie, of Nevada, and Senator Vandenberg, of Michigan, are shortly leaving for China to study the silver question.

Nevada and Michigan are the two principal silver producing States.

CHINA'S EXPORT
TARIFF SCHEDULE.FINANCE MINISTER'S
REVISION MEMORANDUM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Mar. 18. Mr. T. V. Soong, Finance Minister, submitted to the Central Political Council a memorandum proposing a revision of the Export Tariff Schedule.

He suggests that the old export tariff rates collected *ad valorem* shall remain at 7.5 per cent., but the export duties collected according to quantity shall be increased from three to five per cent.

The memorandum points out that a deficit of \$143,000,000 is expected for the current fiscal year, and urgent measures are necessary to meet the financial stringency.

Mr. Soong goes on to say that the existing export schedule was promulgated 70 years ago, and is unsuitable for present conditions.

He declares that the increase, which is very small, will not have an adverse effect on the trade and industry of China.

NAPIER ENGINE INVENTOR'S ESTATE.

HUGE REQUEST TO CANCER RESEARCH.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 18. The falling in recently of several millionaire estates has relieved the pessimism as regards the falling off in death duties, the latest, which was most unexpected, being \$1,243,000 left by Mr. Montague Stanley Napier, ex-chairman of Napier & Son, Limited, motor-car and aeroplane engine makers.

The death duties from the estate amount to £750,000.

Large sums were bequeathed on his death to his widow, to his children and to a brother.

\$10,000 and properties at Dieppe and household effects at Cannes to Norah Mary Fryer, to whom the residue is bequeathed upon trust for life, and £3,000 each is left to two lady secretaries.

The remainder is to be devoted to cancer research, whether in the United Kingdom or abroad.

It is estimated that this sum will eventually amount to £700,000.

The late Mr. Napier designed the engines for the Gloucester-Napier aeroplane used in the Schneider Trophy race.

BRITAIN'S NATIONAL EXPENDITURE.

COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND ON REDUCTIONS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Mar. 17. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in the House of Commons to-day, announced the constitution of the independent committee set up in accordance with a Liberal resolution with the following terms of reference:—

"To make recommendations to the Chancellor of the Exchequer for effecting forthwith all possible reductions in national expenditure on supply services, having regard especially to the present prospective position of revenue."

The Prime Minister said that the Government had consulted the other two parties, who concurred in his suggestion that the committee consist of a chairman and six members, two being suggested by each party.

When questions of policy involved in expenditure were under discussion, these would remain for the exclusive consideration of the Cabinet, but the Committee would review and indicate the effect of particular policies upon expenditure.

The chairman will be Sir George May, the prominent Actuary, former Secretary of the Prudential Assurance Company, and a Director of the British Overseas Bank.

The six members will be Lord Plender, the famous Past President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, who has assisted in Government inquiries on many occasions; Sir Mark Jenkins, director of Jokers, Ltd., and a costing expert; Sir Thomas Royden, bank, railway, steamship company, and insurance company director; Mr. Ashley Cooper; Mr. Charles Nathan, and Mr. Arthur Pugh.

NANKING-PEIPING
AIR MAIL SERVICE.DAILY TIME-TABLE AND
FARES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Mar. 18. The Nanking-Peiping air mail and passenger service is to be inaugurated on April 1.

Daily flights will be made by Stinson 'planes from both terminals with ten minute stops at Hsuehchow, Tainan and Tientsin.

The 'planes will take off from Nanking at 8.30 a.m., and from Peiping at 8 a.m. The trip will take seven hours.

The fare has tentatively been fixed at \$150 for the single trip and \$225 for the round trip.

The fare between Tientsin and Peiping will be \$10 and \$27 for the single and round trip, respectively.

SOVIET COUNSELLOR'S ASSAILANT.

CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Mar. 18. Nobukatsu Sato, who shot and dangerously wounded M. Paul Anikeeff, the Soviet Counsellor at Tokyo on the 16th inst., was formally indicted to-day and charged with attempted murder and sent to prison.

NEW YORK CELEBRATES ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

TRADITIONAL MARCH UP FIFTH AVENUE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Mar. 17. Twenty thousand Irishmen celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a traditional march up Fifth Avenue, several notable politicians, including Governor Roosevelt, of New York State, and Mr. Jimmy Walker, Mayor of New York, being seated in stands along the route.

A modern note was given to the celebration by the arrival at the starting point in an auto-giro of Mr. John F. Curry, the Tammany Hall leader.

The agendas and order papers at the New York State Senate House and Assembly were printed in green.

Greetings to Hong Kong Society.

The Hong Kong St. Patrick's Society has received messages of greeting from Lord Abercorn, the Governor of North Ireland, and Mr. James McNeill, the Governor-General of the Irish Free State.

PRESIDENT HOOVER'S TRAVELS.

SIGNIFICANCE OF ENGAGING WARSHIPS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 17. "Why does President Hoover travel in warships when visiting foreign countries?" asks the newspaper *Excelsior*, referring to the President's forthcoming visit to Porto Rico in the battleship Arizona.

"Is it," the journal further queries, "because it makes the voyage more significant?"

It is recalled that President Hoover visited South America two years ago aboard a warship.

SHERMAN ANTI-TRUST LAWS.

DISSOLUTION OF NUT AND RIVET COMBINE ORDERED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Mar. 17. The dissolution of the Nut and Rivet Manufacturers' Association has been ordered by Federal Judge Coleman, on the ground that it violated the Sherman anti-trust laws.

The Association controls 95 per cent. of the industry in the United States.

The President of the Association afterwards stated that the members propose to form a new Association which will conform to the law.

He says he has the Governor's permission.

FATHER FILIA
RELEASED.EIGHT FOREIGN FATHERS
IN CAPTIVITY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEIPING, Mar. 18. The Apostolic Delegation have received a telegram from Monsignor Balconi stating that Father Filia has been released.

The telegram is dated Nanchang (Shenai), March 6.

The Delegation states that this leaves four Catholic missionaries in the hands of bandits or Reds, namely, Fathers Tierney, Hidalgo, Avito, and Vonax.

No mention is made of the Italian Fathers Ienaro and Leopoldo, who were captured at Lichow (Huany), last November, concerning whom no news of their release has been received here.

A message from Nelson, and Tvedt dated March 11 states that their health is good, and that they are still held by the bandits in Anhui.

BOMB OUTRAGE AT BELGRADE.

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS BADLY WRECKED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BELGRADE, Mar. 17. The War Office, the Finance Ministry, the Military Academy and the Officers' Home were all badly wrecked in the terrific explosions of this morning's bomb outrage.

There is reason to believe that there were more than four separate bombs placed on each of the Government buildings mentioned, all of them apparently being timed to explode simultaneously.

Some of them were wrapped in sackings and placed in the dustbins close to the buildings, and some were placed among building material.

It is disclosed that the officer previously reported as killed is not dead.

He was, however, very seriously wounded, while making a gallant attempt to remove a bomb from outside the Officers' Home.

One civilian and a soldier were also wounded by the explosions, and this represents the total casualty list.

The absence of heavier casualties is accounted for by the fact that the explosions occurred in the early hours of the morning before the offices were occupied.

SPANISH MILITARY REBELLION.

COURT-MARTIAL IMPOSES HEAVY SENTENCES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MADRID, Mar. 17. The private court-martial at Huesca of 81 officers and men, mostly belonging to the cavalry, involved in the Jaca rising in December, concluded to-day.

It is revealed by high authority that Captain Sedes was sentenced to death, several other officers being sent to prison for life, and others to shorter terms of imprisonment.

An impressive account was given during the trial of how officers were imprisoned in a dungeon. They were powerless to control their subordinates, whose seditious shouts they could hear outside.

RUBBER CONFERENCE IN LONDON.

FRANCO-BELGO-DUTCH PRODUCERS ATTEND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 17. It is stated that the Dutch Rubber Commission interviewed the Colonial Minister to-day and leaves for London on Friday, to resume the conference in which French and Belgian producers are expected to participate.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN GREAT BRITAIN.

NEW RECORD ESTABLISHED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 17. It is disclosed by the Ministry of Labour to-day that the unemployed in Great Britain now total nearly 2,002,000, which is a record since official returns have been compiled.

PARIS-TOKYO
FLIGHT.FRENCH AVIATORS REACH
HUNGJAO AERODROME.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Mar. 18. The aviators Burtin and Moench arrived at the Hungjao aerodrome at 3 p.m.

They will probably remain two or three days before taking off for Japan.

WRECK OF SEALER VIKING.

CAPTAIN BLOWN FROM THE BRIDGE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

St. John's (Newfoundland), March 17. Captain Kean and 117 survivors from the Viking landed on Horsa Island after many hours of suffering on the icefloes.

Capt. Kean said that he was blown from the bridge by the explosion and injured by falling on the ice.

The cinema director, Mr. Friessell, and the explorer, Sergeant, are among the missing.

Capt. Kean estimates that the dead number about 25.

Three Men "Miraculously Alive."

LATER.

When hope was abandoned of rescuing any of the three members of the American film party aboard the Viking, the relief ship Sagana signalled that she had found the Bostonian, Henry Sergeant, with two other men miraculously alive in the shattered sealer's store, which was the centre of the explosion.

Thirty-four Missing.

LATER.

An official tally proves that 34 are missing from the Viking, including the film director, Mr. Friessell, the cameraman Penrod and a 12-year-old stowaway.

"GRAVE CRISIS" AMONGST LIBERALS.

CLEAVAGE ON ESSENTIAL LIBERAL LEGISLATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 17. The question whether the Liberals will cease to be a Party or become two groups rests upon the laps of Mr. Lloyd George and Sir John Simon at a meeting which is to be held to-day when the Parliamentary Liberal Party will discuss "the grave crisis" arising from the dissentient Liberals' opposition to Clause 4 of the Electoral Reform, seeking to abolish University representation, which was defeated in the House of Commons on Monday.

An analysis of the division list shows that 10 Liberals voted against the Government on Monday, 23 were absent and 10 supported the measure.

This denoted a cleavage on essential Liberal legislation, which has impelled Sir Archibald Sinclair to tender his resignation as Chief Whip.

Viccount Grey, in a speech last night, favoured the retention of the Government in office, particularly on account of its overseas policy. He stated that "as regards India, for example, they had not only adopted the right policy, but had handled that policy very well, while all Liberals could support their general policy in foreign affairs."

PRIME MINISTER RATES LABOUR MEMBERS.

OPPORTUNITY TO REVERSE UNIVERSITY VOTE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 17. The House of Commons is to be given an opportunity of reversing its decision against the abolition of University representation during the Report Stage of the Representation of the People Bill.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in a speech at a meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party, indicated that the Government would adopt this procedure.

He severely commented upon the absenteeism of Labour members from the House, which contributed to the defeat of the Government, pointing out that the Government could not carry on without the loyal support of the rank and file of the Labour Party.

AIRSHIP R.101
DISASTER.REPORT NOT YET
COMPLETE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 18. It is officially stated that the report on the R.101 disaster is not yet complete.

Mr. Montague stated in the House of Commons yesterday, in reply to a question about the *Daily Herald* publication of a forecast, that no copy of the report had yet reached the Air Ministry.

NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN'S BILL.

ON LEAGUE COUNCIL'S NEXT AGENDA.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Mar. 17. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, and the Under-Secretary of the Home Department this afternoon received a deputation of women members of Parliament from all parties, who asked the Government to facilitate the passage of the Nationality of Married Women's Bill.

The Foreign Secretary said:—"The Government fully sympathise with the principle that women should not be required to change their nationality on marriage without their consent."

He pointed out that the League Council last January decided that the whole question of nationality of married women should be placed on the agenda of the next Assembly meeting, and expressed the hope that international agreement on the question would be reached.

If substantial progress was not made at Geneva, he suggested that the women's organisations should, after the Assembly meeting, request the Government to introduce legislation.

TEA RESTRICTION ABANDONED.

CHANCELLOR ASKED TO TAX FOREIGN PRODUCT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 17. In the House of Commons at question time, Mr. Oswald Lewis (Con., Colchester) asked whether the Chancellor of the Exchequer's attention had been called to the fact that the proposed scheme for the restriction of the India, Ceylon, and Java tea crops in 1931 had been abandoned, in consequence of which tea planters in India and Ceylon would be facing competition from the Dutch East Indies, and whether he would consider giving some preference to tea grown in the British Empire by means of a tax on foreign tea.

Mr. Pethick Lawrence, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, replied in the affirmative to the first part of the question, and as regards the second, he said he could not anticipate the Budget statement.

Mr. Lewis asked if the Government would receive representations from the many important interests concerned.

Mr. Pethick Lawrence asked for notice of the question.

Replying to Mr. Graham White, Mr. Pethick Lawrence said that doubtless the Government would take into account the fact that when previously Britain had a preference on British tea, one result was to divert Dutch tea to Australia and other markets to the detriment of British planters in Ceylon.

BRITON'S REMARKABLE FEAT IN THE AIR.

PILOT IMPRESSES ARGENTINE AIRMEN.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Mar. 17. Several Argentine airmen witnessed a remarkable display near London by G. S. Staniland, the well-known British pilot, in a new Fairy Firefly machine which is probably the fastest fighting aeroplane in the world.

Staniland swooped almost to the ground at 300 miles an hour and then, turning his machine sharply, climbed 20,000 feet in ten minutes.

The Argentine aviator, Captain Castex, also tested the machine, and although it was a strange craft to him he too swooped and climbed with it after a few minutes.

The Fairy has 500 horse-power Rolls Royce motors.

NAVAL EXPERTS
CONFERENCE.JAPANESE REQUEST FOR
POSTPONEMENT FAILS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 18. It is understood that Japan has intimated that she is unable to participate in the meeting of the naval experts to be held in London on the 18th inst., but is considering the advisability of appointing an observer who will be empowered to offer suggestions.

It is understood that Baron Matsudaira has approached Mr. A. Henderson with a request to postpone the meeting pending further consideration of the points involved, but Mr. Henderson was unable to comply.

Japan's main hesitancy regarding the Franco-Italian agreement appears to be the question of capital ship tonnage exceeding the amount permitted by the Washington Treaty. If these figures are formally agreed to, it would necessitate the ratification of a revised treaty, which is considered highly undesirable owing to the difficulties involved in obtaining the Diet's approval.

It is learned that Japan has decided to instruct Mr. Kurigama, Counsellor of the Japanese Embassy at Paris, who is an authority on international law and jurisprudence, to proceed to London to attend the conference of naval experts on March 19 empowered to make suggestions.

This decision apparently was due to the fact that America had agreed to appoint a representative.

SWITZERLAND GOES GOLD.

NEW FIDUCIARY LAW.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERNE, Mar. 18. Switzerland is reverting to the gold standard.

New gold and silver coins will be minted.

The National Council unanimously passed a new fiduciary law.

BIG ORDERS AT TRADE FAIR.

TEN MILES OF SILK FABRIC.

Thousands of products of the skill and ingenuity of British customers were spread before the buyers of the world when the British Industries Fair opened in London and Birmingham.

The attendance at the White City and Olympia was a record, 6,000 home buyers and 250 from overseas being present.

There was no more interested visitor than the Queen who during her tour of the exhibition at the White City spent over an hour watching a manequin parade.

H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

C. A. L. RUMJAHN ADVANCES.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

C. A. L. Rumjahn made further progress in the Open Singles Championship of the Colony yesterday when he beat Tsui Wai Pui in a spectacular match in straight sets, and in thus the first player to enter the fifth round, where he will probably meet L. Goldman to decide who shall qualify for a semi-final position. He showed slightly better form yesterday than on Monday, being called upon to stretch himself by the position offered by Tsui. The latter gave a very creditable performance on the whole.

A fast pace was maintained throughout, so that the run of play became always interesting, while clever exchanges brightened up the match. Tsui apparently lacked the knowledge of the finer points of the game shown by his more experienced opponent, but as this in his first season in the tournament, he can be considered as having done well to have reached the fourth round, and matching with credit one of the Colony's best players.

In the same event, S. A. Rumjahn met W. N. Petch in the third round, the former winning in straight sets. The winner meets H. Lo to-day.

In the Open Doubles, R. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn accounted for W. O. Hung and Chiu Chun Chiu, who gave the cousins some opposition in the second set. The holders now meet in Tak Lam and Ho Wai Hing in the third round.

RESULTS.

The detailed scores are as follows:—

Open Singles.

3rd Round.

S. A. Rumjahn beat W. N. Petch, 6-2, 6-1.

4th Round.

C. A. L. Rumjahn beat Tsui Wai Pui, 6-3, 6-4.

Open Doubles.

H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn beat W. O. Hung and Chiu Chun Chiu, 6-2, 6-4.

Club Championship.

W. N. Petch w.o. from Dr. Valentin.

Handicap Singles "A."

Barton beat Tufon, 2-6, 6-1, 6-1.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Open Singles.

S. A. Rumjahn v. H. Lo.

Handicap Singles "A."

Nash v. Armstrong, Valentine v. Raworth, Robinson v. Ride, Talton v. E. R. Price, Petch v. Holmes.

HOCKEY.

RADIO SPORTS CLUB v. CLUB "A."

The following will represent the Radio Sports Club in a hockey match against the Hong Kong Club "A" team, U.S.R.C. Ground, Kowloon, at 6 p.m. sharp, to-morrow:—

R. Khan; Rattan Singh, Atma Singh; Guest, Gilchrist, Kalwant Singh; Hanib, G. Singh, Awtar Singh, Sperry, Kemp.

HOME FOOTBALL.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE MATCH RESULTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 17.

The following were the results of football matches in the Scottish League (Division I.) played to-day:—

Leith 2 Motherwell 5
Queen's Park 6 Hamilton 0

CHANGE IN OXFORD CREW.

London, March 12.—Glorious sunshine after the recent cold wave favoured the practice on the Thames of the Oxford and Cambridge boat race to-day.

There was another change in the Oxford crew, J. F. Platts Mills, No. 3, having had a recurrence of his old muscular trouble. He was replaced by D. E. Tanne, the President of the Oxford Union Boat Club, whose position at bow was then taken by W. L. Garstang.

UNHAPPY POLA NEGRI.

INTERVIEW WITH EX-FILM STAR.

"WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME?"

Pola Negri, of film and domestic fame, is in London and about to make her first stage appearance. She has given the *Daily Express* the following special interview:—

I waited for Pola Negri in her sitting-room. There were Russian cigarettes, green tulips, soft hangings, subdued lights, and all that sort of thing.

Then a wave of perfume, a half sigh, and there she was before me—Pola Negri, in the flesh, as they say on the posters.

She melted—it is the only word—into the cushions on the divan and regarded me with tragic intensity.

Can any woman be as tragic as she looks? Black hair, black dress, ivory skin; and for colour, a glowing red necklace, with lips and finger nails to match. She is very lovely, with her beautiful cheekbones, tranquil hands, and wide apart eyes.

I leaned forward to see their colour, and she said incredibly, "My eyes, they change with my moods." (Do people really say such things? Anyway, her voice is low and exciting. She speaks slow, very broken English.)

"Sometimes they are blue, like the Mediterranean. Sometimes grey like your foggy days. Sometimes—her voice dropped to a mysterious whisper—"almost black."

Her Marriages.

We discussed her marriages, and her reappearance on the stage. It appeared that if you were an artist it was so good being married to a man who was jealous and who did not comprehend the artistic temperament. It meant that an artist in the prime of her career had to stay at home, and instead of giving her art to her public, merely had to play a social game.

"That is all right if you are happy, and if you have children. Unfortunately, I have no children. And the merrier is too great. I must return to my art."

It is inevitable that you talk about Hollywood with an ex-film star. She thinks it is much maligned and misunderstood. Two or three people do foolish things, and the whole place gets a bad name.

Actually the people are hard working and sincere. Technically and artistically (how many times has that word crept into our talk already?) they are efficient, and miles ahead of Europe in making pictures. I gathered that she hoped to go back there and make talkies.

A new technique, she thinks, is arising in talking pictures. They will use sound intelligently and dialogue discriminatingly.

Literature—biographies for preference—music and studying people are her chief interests in life. "I am a psychologist. I want to get reactions to all kinds of personalities, even the dull ones. You must be like them if you want to be a sincere actress."

Looks Unhappy.

"You look an unhappy woman," I said aggressively. She was as pleased as anything, and smiled a beautiful twisted smile. I had said the right thing.

"Onhappy! Perhaps. It is my race. I live life in a minor key. After all, I am Slav. My father was a gipsy, my mother an aristocrat. A remarkable mixture, eh? Perhaps it explains why I am so sensitive."

But, right now, she is as happy as she can be, because she is concentrating all her efforts on making a successful comeback on the stage. Working hard, creating hard, perfecting her art. (Yes, once again.)

She is invited out six nights out of the seven. "I am very popular," she says, as naively as all that. But no. She would rather be alone, working and creating and thinking.

And she wringed sinuously in the cushions, and looked beautiful and mysterious. (I wish I knew how she kept her skin like that.)

By now, I was talking her language, all capital letters and grand clichés. I was enraptured in the Slavonic twilight ordinary things and ordinary people far away from this exotic afternoon. There was only love, suffering, art, work, life.

"We artists are in the public eye. We are the clowns, and we want recognition. Our art endures us. But it is so well worth it. We must love and suffer."

Here she looked tragically reminiscent. "I believe suffering improves your art. At present work is enough for me. But I am fatalistic. Who knows what will happen to me?"

Ah, who indeed? So I left Pola Negri, who seems to be a magnificent egotist, whom I suspect of being a really intelligent and cultured woman, who is obviously a sincere artist (you see how catching it is) and who believes in herself so wholeheartedly that she almost makes you believe in her too.

BRITAIN'S AIR ESTIMATES.

SERVICE FROM INDIA TO AUSTRALIA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 17.

In introducing the Air Estimates in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. F. Montague announced that a tentative scheme had been prepared for a weekly air mail service between Calcutta and Australia to link up with the existing Britain to India service.

The scheme had been worked out on the assumption that the stage from Karachi to Calcutta would be operated as an Indian State service in conjunction with Imperial Airways.

The Government concerned were now considering proposals.

Squadron for Home Defence.

Mr. Montague stated that during the forthcoming financial year three further squadrons would be provided for Home defence, making 42 squadrons with an approximate first line strength of about 400 aircraft, only two-thirds of which belong to units of the regular Air Force, others being auxiliaries.

This is 10 squadrons fewer than the original scheme authorised for completion by 1930.

Britain a Fifth-Rate Air Power.

Great Britain is now fifth among the air Powers of the world. While British air expenditure has slightly decreased that of France has risen by between 130 and 140 per cent., and the United States between 150 and 160 per cent.

Air Disarmament.

Sir Samuel Hoare urged the Government to press for a general scaling down of air expenditure at the forthcoming Disarmament Conference at Geneva, and seriously to give its attention to the question of the Anglo-Franco-Italian agreement to reduce air expenditure and avoid an increase of air armaments in the future.

Mr. Montague, in reply, said he hoped that the question of air disarmament would be satisfactorily settled at the coming Disarmament Conference.

It was quite impossible to contemplate beginning a contest for air supremacy on the part of Britain against other countries or combinations of countries.

The House of Commons agreed to the Air Estimates.

AIR LINE TO SINGAPORE.

MAILS FOR CHINA TO BE CARRIED.

London, March 12.—Regular air mail service between England and Australia with reduced mail schedules between England and China as a consequence was the project which to-day received the concentrated attention of British Post Office officials.

The United Press learned that the opening of London to Australia day and night high speed aviation services concerned solely with the transportation of air mails is occupying not only the attention of the Post Office but of the Air Ministry.

It is expected that definite arrangements for the new and ambitious service will be started late this summer. Thus, an expedited service will transport air mails from London to Calcutta in 10 days. Mail will be carried from London to Singapore in 7 days. Mail for China and Japan next autumn can be taken from London in Singapore in 7 days. From Singapore it can be transhipped to ports in China and Japan as well as the Philippine Islands.

The projected service will also bring Sumatra and Borneo nearer to London, especially in the event that new Asiatic airlines are opened to connect at Singapore with the service from London. It has not yet been definitely decided whether the projected Asiatic lines should connect at Calcutta or Singapore.

England-Australia Route.

To-day it was declared certain that the next air mail service to be opened by the British Government will be that from England to Australia. It will probably follow the direct overland route similar to that followed by Commander Charles Kingsford-Smith when he flew from England to Australia last year.

The only obstacles now apparent revolve about the question of finance and the matter of obtaining an Indian Government concession. It is expected, however, that both of these obstacles will be overcome.

The move to open the new route is headed by Sir Robert McEwen, the chairman of Vickers. He is supported by the Society for British Aircraft Construction. It is understood that Sir Robert has gained the full support of Lord Amulree, the Secretary of State, for Air.

BALDWIN ATTACKS PRESS BARONS.

FOREGOES SUIT FOR LIBEL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 17.

The Queen's Hall, London, was crowded to-day on the occasion of a speech by Mr. Stanley Baldwin in support of Capt. Duff Cooper, the official Conservative candidate at St. George's, Westminster, by-election, where he is opposed by Sir Ernest Pether (Independent Conservative).

Mr. Baldwin "breaks a rifle." Mr. Baldwin said that he broke the rule that party leaders should not speak at bye-elections because the circumstances of this case were exceptional.

Barons' Papers Engines of Propaganda.

The British Press was the admiration of the world for fairness, ability, and high principles, but the Rothermere and Beaverbrook newspapers were engines of propaganda for the constantly changing policies, desires, personal wishes, likes, and dislikes of two men—(cheers)—whose methods were misrepresentation, half-truths, and suppression.

Mr. Baldwin declared that the statement in the *Daily Mail* on March 9 in reference to his fortune could only have been written by a cad. (Cheers.)

He had been legally advised that he could sue for libel in that connection, but he would not move in the matter, because an apology would be valueless and he would not touch the damages with a barge pole. (Cheers.)

Mr. Baldwin concluded by saying that it was no credit that an old man like himself should stand up against the mud of abuse. His position was made. Let them throw him out if they could, but young men like Capt. Duff Cooper knew that they were marked men by that Press. Nevertheless, they were ready to stick it out.

Blow for Honest British Journalism.

In fighting for Capt. Duff Cooper they were not merely fighting for the best type of Britain but striking a blow that would resound through London for the decadence of public life and honest British journalism. (Cheers.)

A number of interrupters were ejected from the meeting.

U.S. COMMERCIAL INVASION OF ROUMANIA.

CONTROLS ELECTRIC POWER OF NATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BUCHAREST, Mar. 16.

American enterprise, which already controls the telephones in Roumania, is about to take over the Electric Services Corporation in Bucharest and will eventually run the electric power of the whole nation.

The American Electric Bond and Share Corporation signed a contract with the Government involving \$200,000,000, including an immediate loan of \$10,000,000 to the city of Bucharest.

There has been a recent American commercial invasion of Roumania, which appears to have effectively cut out competition.

The new contract is regarded as more important than the French loan.

GRAND NATIONAL SWEEPSTAKE.

TEN FIRST PRIZES IN IRISH DRAW.

LONDON, Mar. 17.

The subscription list for the Irish Grand National Sweepstake, which is to be closed to-morrow night, and days before the world-famous race, has already reached the remarkable total of £250,000, in spite of the restrictions placed in England.

Meanwhile, important changes in the distribution of the prizes as compared with the Derby Sweep have been approved.

If the prize-money reaches £1,000,000, there will be 10 first prizes of £20,000, instead of one of £200,000.

There will also be 10 second prizes of £15,000, instead of one of £150,000 and 10 third prizes of £10,000.

The scheme also provides for 10 prizes for each other-horse-draw, for which forfeit has not been declared on Tuesday of the week before the race.

Apart from the horses competing, there will be 2,000 cash prizes of £100 each, and 2,100 other prizes.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN AT THE HOUSE.

MEMBERS' EFFORTS TO SPY THE STRANGER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Westminster, February 24.—Politicians being no less in debt to Charlie Chaplin than the rest of the world, one could have wished, when the comic figure visited the House to-day, that the Commons could have offered better entertainment in return.

But Mr. Chaplin chose a performance, of rather common-place supplementary estimates, and half an hour in the distinguished Strangers' Gallery, the Dean of the House, listening to a Westminster "talkie" featuring Mr. Lansbury, was enough for him.

Of all the potentates and princes who have shone in that select space, not one has created a more agitated interest in the surrounding audience of Strangers. The public forgot the debate, and their problem was no longer to hear, but how to crane the neck with decorum.

Even members stole glances up-stairs, though it is against the general principles to acknowledge the presence of Strangers. In spying Charlie Chaplin, however, they were merely taking note of the most familiar figure on earth.

Visitor "Exhausted."

Mr. Chaplin grew up unknown in the shadow of Big Ben; now, revisiting these glimpses famous and adored, he showed an eager curiosity.

(Continued on next column.)

FOR THE HOUSEWIFE'S NOTEBOOK.

If tea is spilt on the tablecloth sprinkle some sugar over it at once. The stain will then come out in the wash.

If odd pieces of wash-leather or kid are sewn underneath big buttons they will prevent the buttons from being torn out and so leaving a hole.

Starch can be used with good effect for cleaning soiled wallpaper. Apply with a damp cloth, paying particular attention to parts that are badly soiled.

Try a little starch when cleaning silver. Sprinkle over a damp cloth and rub well into the metal. Polish with an old silk handkerchief.

Add a little starch to the water in which glassware is to be washed. This not only helps to remove dirt, but also gives a more lasting shine to the glassware.

How Rashes Do Itch!

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THE FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 19th MARCH, 1931, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 16th MARCH, 1931, to THURSDAY, the 19th MARCH, 1931, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPPELL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 2nd March, 1931. [389]

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersecretary on THURSDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1931, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1930.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th MARCH, 1931, Both Days inclusive.

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The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 30th MARCH, 1931, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 17th March, 1931. [475]

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the Company's BOARD ROOM, 2nd Floor, Alexandra Road, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 31st MARCH, 1931, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended 31st December, 1930, electing Directors and Auditors, and for the Transaction of any other Ordinary Business of the Company.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 26th MARCH, 1931, until TUESDAY, 31st MARCH, 1931, Both Days inclusive, during which Period No. Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
D. L. KING,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 11th, 1931. [458]

HONG KONG WEEKLY PRESS:

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EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, March 17.	
Paris	124.13 1/2
New York	4.85 27/32
Brussels	34.90 1/2
Geneva	25.24 1/2
Amsterdam	12.12 1/2
Milan	92.73 1/2
Berlin	20.40
Stockholm	18.14 1/2
Copenhagen	18.16 1/2
Oslo	19.10
Prague	104
Helsingfors	103 1/2
Madrid	45.93
Lisbon	108.25
Athens	37 1/2
Bucharest	817
Rio	39 1/2
Montevideo	37 1/2
Bombay	1/5 13/16
Shanghai	1/4
Hong Kong	1/2
Yokohama	2/13 3/32
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COMPANY REPORT.

HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO.

The report of the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., up to December 31, 1930, states:—

1930 Account.—This account shows a surplus of \$493,567.77, and it is recommended that this sum be appropriated as follows:—To pay a dividend of \$50 per share, \$400,000; To pay an "exchange" bonus of \$10 per share, \$80,000; To add to reinsurance fund \$211,167.77, \$113,567.77.

The General Managers and Consulting Committee wish it to be understood that the continuance or otherwise of the above bonus in the whole or in part, will depend entirely on exchange.

1930 Account.—The balance at credit of this account is \$769,999.81.

Consulting Committee.—Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, L. Dunbar, T. E. Pearce and A. H. White retire but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Percy Smiths, Seth & Fleming, who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

U.S. AND THE SILVER PROBLEM.

NO DECISION YET TAKEN BY WHITE HOUSE.

Washington, Mar. 12.—Possibility that President Hoover will not call an international silver conference as the Senate requested when it passed the resolutions of Senator Key Pittman, Democrat of Nevada, loomed here to-day. However, the official attitude of the White House has not been formally revealed and it is expected that some time must pass before any definite action is taken.

It was declared here that President Hoover is studying a mass of statistics relating to the silver situation which were submitted with the report of the Pittman subcommittee of the Senate commerce committee which investigated the cause for declining Sino-American trade and the relation of that decline to depressed silver values in the world markets.

To-day some of President Hoover's advisors indicated that it is possible that he will dismiss the recommendations for an international silver conference without taking action. Or, it is suggested, in event that the President does summon an international silver conference he will arrange to limit its agenda to such an extent that the conference will be prevented from affronting any of the nations involved.

No Loan Involved.

No question of a silver loan to China is involved in the President's present deliberations. The Senate passed those sections of the Pittman report calling upon the President to cope with the fluctuations in the silver markets. He was asked to aid in increasing and stabilizing the value of silver and, if necessary, to convene an international silver conference to consider the uses and status of silver as money.

The section of the Pittman report suggesting a loan to China failed to receive action in the last session of Congress, partly because of the lack of indication as to what China would regard a large silver loan.

Since Congress adjourned last week the President has called upon experts of the Department of State, the Treasury and the Department of Commerce to aid him in reaching a decision as to the advisability of calling an international silver conference. The experts will report to their respective department secretaries who will, in turn, report to President Hoover. It is considered certain that no action on calling an international silver conference will be taken until the entire question has been discussed by President Hoover with his Cabinet.

Because of the phraseology of the Senate resolutions President Hoover does not need to summon an international silver conference unless the results of his own study demonstrate a necessity for such action.

THE MERCANTILE BANK.

16 PER CENT. ON A, B AND C SHARES.

The Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., informs us that they have received a telegram from their Head Office in London advising that, at the annual general meeting of the shareholders a final dividend of 8 per cent. on the "A," "B" and "C" shares will be declared (making 16 per cent. for the year less income tax)—£20,000 to be placed to reserve (raising it to £1,500,000)—£10,000 written off landed and house property—£108,000 carried forward to 1931 account.

SHANGHAI AND ITS PROBLEMS.

MR. SHEPPARD AND THE ELECTIONS.

Mr. G. W. Sheppard, Vice-Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, who was returned fourth on the Polls, has issued the following statement of his views in connection with the elections which commenced on Monday:—

"In March, 1929, I stated that if I was elected I would do my best to study the problems involved and decide on them—that the issues likely to arise are difficult and complicated.

"I can now say that I have done the former and that I was not mistaken in the latter. The issues are very difficult and complicated, and I can only add now to-day when I stand for election by the voting ratepayers of the International Settlement that if they do me the honour to return me to a seat on the Council the experience gained by me during the past years of service will be devoted to the best interests of both Foreign and Chinese residents of the area, which the Council controls.

Questions of Importance.

"On the various questions involved in this control I place the following in the order of their importance to the community:—

- 1.—Maintenance of Law and Order and suppression by all and any means available of armed robbery now unfortunately of too frequent occurrence.
- 2.—Efforts to improve traffic congestion by greater Road and other facilities.
- 3.—More rigorous control of expenditure of public funds now granted under various forms of charities, grants in aid, etc.
- 4.—Disestablishment of cost of education from General Municipal Funds and the provision of an Education Tax to provide the monies required. In other words "make the punishment fit the crime!"

"Like the rest of the public here, whether Councillors or otherwise, I have no knowledge of what Judge Feetham's report, when it is issued, will recommend, but it is safe to say that whatever it says will influence future Councils in their conduct of the affairs of this great and growing in importance, trading centre. One can, perhaps, visualize that future candidates for election to the office of Councillors will be content to abide by the vote of the Chinese ratepayers and the ratepayers, resident outside Settlement limits, as well as those ratepayers who now vote under the qualifications conferred on them under existing Land Regulations. Such would have, it is assumed, far-reaching effects, but would tend to cement the interests of Shanghai as a whole versus the disruptive influences which tend to undermine orderly administration and equitable taxation so necessary for the successful carrying on of business.

"Incidentally I may remark that with the issue of Judge Feetham's report I trust we shall have a cessation for the better ordering of affairs of the Council and be given breathing space to absorb and put into effect where and when possible those that have already been made.

"Finally amongst all the suggestions that have recently appeared in the Press re Civic Centre—enclosing provision of ball-rooms and so on—I did not notice any proposal that the Chairman of Council should be provided with a motor-car supplied and kept out of public funds. It does not appear to me an unreasonable thing that he should be so provided if it is the wish of the ratepayers that the Office which he fills should be regarded in the sense in which it should."

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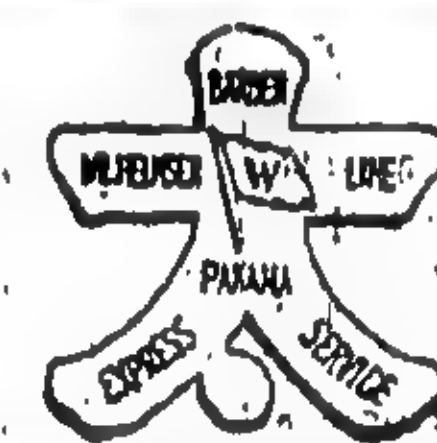
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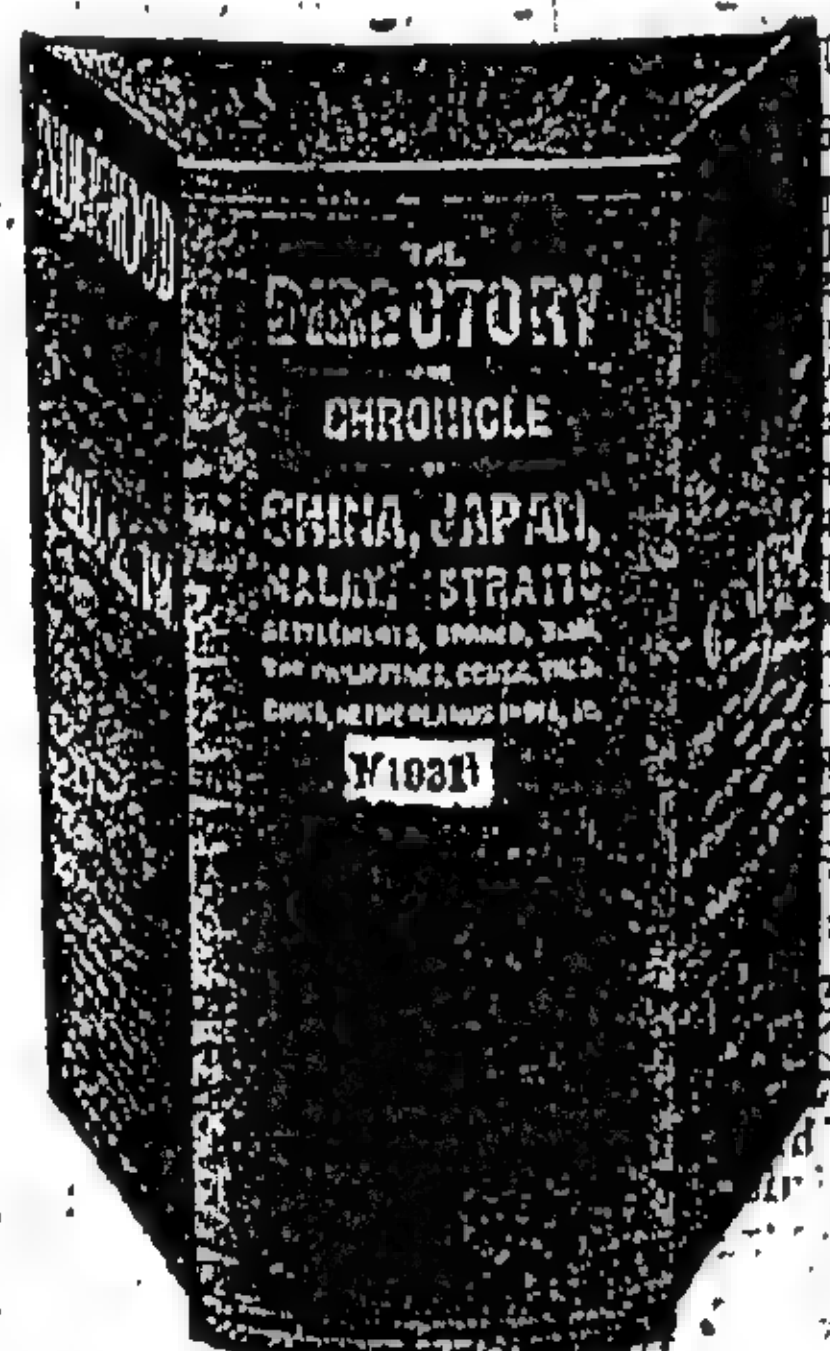
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TRIUMPH OF AN ARCHBISHOP.

WOMEN CONVERTED BY APPEAL TO REASON.

Oxford.—He of good comfort, Master Ridley, and play the man; we shall this day light such a candle by God's grace in England as I trust shall never be put out.

—Lutimer's last words on the stake at Oxford.

That candle, which has flared and dropped many times since lit 300 years ago, has suddenly been rekindled by the Archbishop of York's inspiring mission to Oxford.

Most astonishing of all, the archbishop, unlike most revivalists, has not used the petrol-like fire of emotion to kindle the enthusiasm; he has relied on the clean, lasting flame of intellectual appeal.

Searching Debates.

This rebirth of faith in Oxford is not shown in hysterical outbursts. It is revealed in long, dispassionate discussions and searching debates never before heard in this city of argument.

Among the women undergraduates the admission of religion and conversion is more open than among the men.

"The archbishop's mission is the chief topic of discussion in the halls," a Somerville woman said. "We have organised study circles and discussions in connection with it, and even the most sceptical have had to admit that there is no flaw in his arguments."

"It is having a wonderful effect."

Just after eight o'clock a steady stream of young men and women, carrying books and dangling gowns moved along The High towards St. Mary's Church.

As another woman undergraduate said: "We have got to admit that there is something enormously vital behind all this."

The Archbishop did a dramatic thing. He interrupted the singing of a hymn during the service in St. Mary's.

PASSENGERS.

Departures.

The following passengers left yesterday by the R.M.S. Empress of Russia.—Mr. L. N. Jensen, Mr. Lucy, Mr. G. C. Friedgen, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lacey, Mrs. W. R. Walker, Master W. R. Walker, Mr. Chen Hung Kina, Mr. Ng Ting Yang, Mr. and Mrs. Brodie, Mr. E. A. Anderson, Col. and Mrs. C. D. Myles, Mr. R. H. Ball, Mr. J. Morton, Mr. R. G. Geer, Mrs. G. W. Grant, Master J. Grant, Mrs. S. G. Hays, Miss M. Hays (G), Mr. S. G. Hays, Mrs. Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. H. Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Tai Shwong Sen, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Hutchison, Mr. K. Yen Feng, Mr. W. Smith, Mrs. H. S. Lindsay, Miss R. Watson, Mrs. H. E. Israel, Miss P. F. Mocatta, Mr. F. H. Mocatta, Mr. C. S. Gulbay, Mrs. E. Christie, Mr. P. C. Tong, Miss M. Y. Tong (9), Mrs. C. H. Liang, Master Liang (9), Mr. V. Mordohovich, Mrs. C. Claxton, Master P. Claxton (1), Mr. R. M. Milne, Mr. Lauw King Hay, Mr. Ching Kwan To, Mr. Tam Kon Shun, Mr. S. P. Daug, Mrs. Alu She, Miss Ng Wai King, Capt. B. O. D'Ailey, Mr. W. S. Bennett, Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Morris, Mr. Le Ng Wai Chi, Mr. A. E. Farrell, Miss Watson, Mr. Wong Sau Chit, Mr. and Mrs. S. Sloan, Rev. Father P. W. Ellis, Major F. L. Fuller, Lady Ridley, Mr. R. V. Bongdash-Devakul, Mr. L. Fernandez, Mrs. A. M. Field, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Seavoy, Mr. D. D. Coffin, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin, Paymaster Comdr. and Mrs. D. S. Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. S. Oldham, Miss M. Varnedoe.

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SHOUTING CROWD IN CHURCH.

PEWS OVERTURNED BY EXCITED SIGHTSEERS.

A noisy, laughing congregation was reproved by the rector of All Saints' Church, Poplar, during the amazing scenes which marked the wedding of Teddy Baldock, the 24-year-old Poplar boxer, to Miss Mae McCrae, of Morden.

All Poplar seemed to have turned out for the wedding, and traffic was held up for more than an hour by the enthusiastic crowds which stormed the church.

The people not only crowded the street but swarmed up lamp-posts and trees, and climbed on the hoods of the waiting motor-cars.

As two o'clock approached the excitement inside the church became intense, and numbers of people stood on the pews in order to obtain a better view of the pretty, ash-blond bride and her two attendants in their slim, white satin gowns and long black gloves.

On the way up the aisle one of the bridesmaids inadvertently trod on the bride's veil, and the incident was greeted with such audible mirth that the parson was compelled to utter a reproof.

"This is not a place of entertainment," he said, "but the House of God."

The rector again admonished the congregation when he saw they had climbed on the seats. "Get off the seats, please," he said. "I won't continue till you do."

Afterwards the best man, Mr. Provost, was heard to express his regret at the noise which disturbed the ceremony throughout, and a great many guests deplored the unrestrained behaviour of the public in the gallery, who kept up a murmur of conversation, punctuated with the wailing of infants and the thumps and bangs of overturned pews.

Surrounded by Mob.

When the ceremony was ended the mob broke out again.

"Good luck, Maimie," cried the bride's friends as Teddy led her to the vestry to sign the register, and "God bless you, Teddy," shouted his friends to the bridegroom.

When the couple left the church Baldock had probably the most enthusiastic welcome he has ever received. As he stood on the steps in his immaculate morning suit and silk hat he was greeted by great cheering and waving of handkerchiefs.

The enthusiasm was extraordinary as he led his bride to the waiting motor-car, which was surrounded by an excited mob.

The reception was held at the Guild Hall, Poplar, and the wedding cake, which embodied a sugar boxing-ring with chairs and towels all ready for a match, was a source of great amusement.

HANGING EVENING FROCKS.

Most modern wardrobes with a rail across for coat-hangers are three or four inches too short for the present-day evening frocks. As a result, the hem of the frock lies on the bottom of the wardrobe, picks up any possible dust, and always looks crumpled. The difficulty can be got over if one or two extra screws or tenter-hooks are fixed into the top of the wardrobe, directly above the rail—an easy matter if a hole is first made with a Bradawl. Coat-hangers can then be suspended from these, their arms jutting out above the railing on each side to take the shoulders of the dress. This generally gives an extra three inches, but if it is still not enough, the wire hook of the hang can be taken out and a short loop of ribbon slipped through in its place, and knotted at the bottom and again at the top to keep it from slipping. The loop is then slipped over the tenter-hook, with the result that the hanger will lie virtually flush with the top of the wardrobe, and not an inch of the total length be wasted.

ADVERTISED SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG.

FOOCHOW.
Jainings, Douglas, March 20.
Kanchow, B. & S., March 20.
Haiching, Douglas, March 27.
Chipshing, Jardine's, March 29.
Huichow, B. & S., April 3.

GENOA.
Eurylochus, B.F., March 20.
Pica, Garfield, Dollar, March 22.
Gange, Dodwell's, March 23.
Kulmerland, Jensen, April 2.
Coblentz, Melchers, April 4.
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Lima Maru, N.Y.K., April 13.
Oldenburg, Jensen, April 14.
Pilana, Dodwell's, April 19.
Pica, Adams, Dollar, April 19.
Teiresias, B.F., April 20.
Burgeland, Jensen, April 23.

ANTWERP.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., March 21.
Somali, P. & O., March 24.
Annam, Manners, April 3.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., April 4.
Karmala, P. & O., April 11.
Scandia, Manners, April 16.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.
Taiping, B. & S., March 20.
Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., March 20.
St. Albans, E. & A., April 1.
Changé, B. & S., April 21.

SALTIC PORTS.
Annam, Manners, April 3.
Solandia, Manners, April 16.

BALTIMORE.
Taybank, Bank, April 7.

SANGKOK.
Kalgan, B. & S., March 22.
Chinhua, B. & S., March 24.
Kiangsu, B. & S., March 29.

BARCELONA.
Burgeland, Jensen, April 23.

BELOWAN-DELL.
Van Heutz, J.C.J.L., March 28.

GOMBAY.
Gange, Dodwell's, March 25.
Genoa Maru, N.Y.K., March 27.
Tokushima Maru, N.Y.K., March 30.
Mirzapore, P. & O., April 12.
Hilda, Dodwell's, April 12.
Pilana, Dodwell's, April 19.

BOSTON.
Pica, Garfield, Dollar, March 22.
Japanese Prince, Furness, March 23.

Toba Maru, N.Y.K., March 31.
Pica, Polk, Dollar, April 5.
Taybank, Bank, April 7.
Japanese Prince, Furness, April 9.
Pica, Adams, Dollar, April 19.
Chinese Prince, Furness, April 21.

BREMEN.
Aller, Melchers, March 21.
Coblentz, Melchers, April 4.
Franken, Melchers, April 23.

BRINDISI.
Gange, Dodwell's, March 25.
Hilda, Dodwell's, April 12.
Pilana, Dodwell's, April 19.

CALCUTTA.
Tilawa, B.I., March 25.
Hosang, Jardine's, March 26.
Morioke Maru, N.Y.K., March 29.
Santhia, B.I., April 2.
Kusang, Jardine's, April 7.
Malacca Maru, N.Y.K., April 8.
Taima, B.I., April 14.
Yuenang, Jardine's, April 20.

CASABLANCA.
Autolyous, B.F., March 31.

CHEFOO.
Kanchow, B. & S., March 20.
Kueichow, B. & S., March 25.
Huichow, B. & S., April 3.

COLOMBO.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., March 21.
Pica, Garfield, Dollar, March 22.
Somali, P. & O., March 24.
Gange, Dodwell's, March 25.
Genoa Maru, N.Y.K., March 27.
Rawalpindi, P. & O., March 29.
Tokushima Maru, N.Y.K., March 30.

D'ARTAGNAN, M.M., March 31.
Mirzapore, P. & O., April 1.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., April 4.
Pica, Polk, Dollar, April 5.
Carnarvonshire, Jardine's, April 8.
Hilda, Dodwell's, April 12.
Angers, M.M., April 14.
Pilana, Dodwell's, April 19.
Pica, Adams, Dollar, April 19.
Glenluce, Jardine's, April 27.
Felix Roussel, M.M., April 29.

DOPEHAGEN.
Annam, Manners, April 3.
Scandia, Manners, April 16.

DALNY.
Liangchow, B. & S., March 23.
Aeneas, B.F., April 7.

DUTCH PORTS.
Aller, Melchers, March 21.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., March 21.
Somali, P. & O., March 24.
Gange, Dodwell's, March 25.
Oregon Star, Dodwell's, March 27.
Rawalpindi, P. & O., March 29.
Autolyous, B.F., March 31.
Aller, Melchers, April 4.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., April 4.
Carnarvonshire, Jardine's, April 8.
Karmala, P. & O., April 11.
Hector, B.F., April 15.
City of Khios, Bank, April 16.
Pilana, Dodwell's, April 19.
Rajputana, P. & O., April 25.
Glenluce, Jardine's, April 27.

LOS ANGELES.
Pica, Pierce, Dollar, March 24.
Pica, Jackson, A.M.L., March 31.
Pica, McKinley, A.M.L., April 14.
Bokuyou Maru, N.Y.K., April 22.
Pica, Grant, A.M.L., April 23.

MANILA.
Taiping, B. & S., March 20.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., March 21.
Pica, Garfield, Dollar, March 22.
Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., March 22.
Pica, Jackson, A.M.L., March 24.
Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., March 24.
Pica, Taft, Dollar, March 25.
Tikimbang, J.C.J.L., March 31.
St. Albans, E. & A., April 1.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., April 2.
Coblentz, Melchers, April 4.
Pica, McKinley, A.M.L., April 7.
Pica, Jefferson, A.M.L., April 11.
Tinggara, J.C.J.L., April 14.
Chiang, B. & S., April 21.

MARSEILLES.
Aller, Melchers, March 21.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., March 21.
Pica, Garfield, Dollar, March 22.
Somali, P. & O., March 24.
Rawalpindi, P. & O., March 29.
Autolyous, B.F., March 31.
D'Artagnan, M.M., March 31.
Annam, Manners, April 3.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., April 4.
Pica, Polk, Dollar, April 5.
Karmala, P. & O., April 11.
Lima Maru, N.Y.K., April 13.
Angers, M.M., April 14.
Hector, B.F., April 15.
Solandia, Manners, April 16.
Pica, Adams, Dollar, April 19.
Franken, Melchers, April 23.
Rajputana, P. & O., April 25.
Felix Roussel, M.M., April 29.

GLASGOW.
Eurylochus, B.F., March 20.
Autolyous, B.F., March 31.
Hector, B.F., April 15.
Teiresias, B.F., April 20.

GOTHENBURG.
Formosa, Gilman's, April 4.

HAIPHONG AND HOHHOW.
Chinhua, B. & S., March 24.
Kueichow, B. & S., March 27.
Kiangsu, B. & S., April 11.

HAMBURG.
Aller, Melchers, March 21.
Oregon Star, Dodwell's, March 27.
Autolyous, B.F., March 31.
Kulmerland, Jensen, April 2.
Annam, Manners, April 3.
Coblentz, Melchers, April 4.
Formosa, Gilman's, April 4.
Carnarvonshire, Jardine's, April 8.
Oldenburg, Jensen, April 14.
City of Khios, Bank, April 16.
Scandia, Manners, April 16.
Burgeland, Jensen, April 23.
Glenluce, Jardine's, April 27.

HAVRE.
Eurylochus, B.F., March 20.
City of Khios, Bank, April 16.
Teiresias, B.F., April 20.

HONOLULU.
Asama Maru, N.Y.K., April 1.
Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.
Bokuyou Maru, N.Y.K., April 22.

JAPAN PORTS.
Ermland, Jensen, March 20.
Sunder, P. & O., March 30.
Tokuyou Maru, N.Y.K., March 31.
Teyoaka Maru, N.Y.K., March 31.
Franken, Melchers, March 24.
Taima, B.I., March 24.
Kiddercroft, P. & O., March 25.
Hiye Maru, N.Y.K., March 26.
Rajputana, P. & O., March 27.
Calchas, B.F., March 28.
Iyo Maru, N.Y.K., March 28.
Burgeland, Jensen, March 29.
City of Athens, Bank, March 29.
Felix Roussel, M.M., March 30.
Nanking, Gilman's, March 31.
Yuenang, Jardine's, March 31.
Asama Maru, N.Y.K., April 1.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., April 1.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., April 1.
Col. di Luna, Dodwell's, April 8.
Nellore, E. & A., April 6.
Pembrokehire, Jardine's, April 6.
Pilana, Dodwell's, April 7.
Ixion, B.F., April 9.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., April 10.
Kalyan, P. & O., April 10.
Takada, B.I., April 10.
Agamemnon, B.F., April 12.
General Motzinger, M.M., April 13.
Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.
Vogland, Jensen, April 15.
Kusang, Jardine's, April 17.
Trave, Melchers, April 17.
Heian Maru, N.Y.K., April 19.
Bokuyou Maru, N.Y.K., April 22.
Pica, Grant, A.M.L., April 23.

NEWCHOWANG.
Liangchow, B. & S., March 23.

NORTH CHINA PORTS.
Franken, Melchers, March 24.
Fulda, Melchers, April 6.
Aeneas, B.F., April 7.
Trave, Melchers, April 17.

PAKHOL.
Kueichow, B. & S., March 27.
Kueichow, B. & S., April 11.

PANAMA.
Pica, Jackson, A.M.L., March 31.
Toba Maru, N.Y.K., March 31.
Pica, McKinley, A.M.L., April 14.
Bokuyou Maru, N.Y.K., April 22.
Pica, Grant, A.M.L., April 23.

PEKING.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., March 21.
Pica, Garfield, Dollar, March 22.
Somali, P. & O., March 24.
Tilawa, B.I., March 25.
Hosang, Jardine's, March 26.
Van Heutz, J.C.J.L., March 28.
Oregon Star, Dodwell's, March 27.
Genoa Maru, N.Y.K., March 27.
Morioke Maru, N.Y.K., March 29.
Rawalpindi, P. & O., March 29.
Tokushima Maru, N.Y.K., March 30.

PERAK.
Mirzapore, P. & O., April 1.
Santhia, B.I., April 2.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., April 4.
Pica, Polk, Dollar, April 5.
Kusang, Jardine's, April 7.
Carnarvonshire, Jardine's, April 8.
Malacca Maru, N.Y.K., April 8.
Karmala, P. & O., April 11.
Hilda, Dodwell's, April 12.
Angers, M.M., April 14.
Kangawa Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.
Taima, B.I., April 14.
Hector, B.F., April 15.
Pilana, Dodwell's, April 19.
Pica, Adams, Dollar, April 19.
Yuenang, Jardine's, April 20.
Franken, Melchers, April 23.
Glenluce, Jardine's, April 27.
Felix Roussel, M.M., April 29.

SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.
Tinhov, Bank, April 10.
Kangawa Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.

SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.
Kangawa Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.
Bokuyou Maru, N.Y.K., April 22.

SWATOW.
Haining, Douglas, March 20.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, March 22.
Kalgan, B. & S., March 22.
Sunning, B. & S., March 22.
Yatsing, Jardine's, March 22.
Sinkiang, B. & S., March 23.
Kueichow, B. & S., March 25.
Kwangang, Jardine's, March 25.
Haiching, Douglas, March 27.
Antung, B. & S., March 29.
Chikang, Jardine's, March 29.
Chipsing, Jardine's, March 29.
Kiangsu, B. & S., March 29.
Soochow, B. & S., March 29.
Foshing, Jardine's, April 1.

TIENTSIN.
Kanchow, B. & S., March 20.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, March 22.
Kueichow, B. & S., March 23.
Kueichow, B. & S., March 25.
Sinkiang, B. & S., March 29.
Huichow, B. & S., April 3.

TRIESTE AND VENICE.
Gange, Dodwell's, March 25.
Hilda, Dodwell's, April 12.
Pilana, Dodwell's, April 19.

TSINGTAO.
Sunning, B. & S., March 22.
Yatsing, Jardine's, March 22.
Sinkiang, B. & S., March 23.
Kwangang, Jardine's, March 25.
Chikang, Jardine's, March 29.
Soochow, B. & S., March 29.
Foshing, Jardine's, April 1.
Aeneas, B.F., April 7.

VANGOUVER, B.C.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., April 1.
Ixion, B.F., April 9.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., April 10.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., April 25.

VICTORIA, B.C.
Hiye Maru, N.Y.K., March 26.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., April 1.
Pica, Taft, Dollar, April 5.
Ixion, B.F., April 9.
Pica, Jefferson, A.M.L., April 10.
Heian Maru, N.Y.K., April 19.

SHANGHAI.
Chenau, B. & S., March 19.
Tainan, B. & S., March 19.
Ermland, Jensen, March 20.
Kanchow, B. & S., March 20.
Sunder, P. & O., March 20.
Teyoaka Maru, N.Y.K., March 21.
Sunning, B. & S., March 22.
Yatsing, Jardine's, March 22.
Liangchow, B. & S., March 23.
Anchise, B.F., March 24.
Franken, Melchers, March 24.
Sinkiang, B. & S., March 24.

SHANGHAI—(Continued).
Tainan, B. & S., March 23.
Hiye Maru, N.Y.K., March 26.
Kueichow, B. & S., March 27.
Rajputana, P. & O., March 27.
Calchas, B.F., March 28.
Burgeland, Jensen, March 29.
Chikang, Jardine's, March 29.
City of Athens, Bank, March 29.
Soochow, B. & S., March 29.
Felix Roussel, M.M., March 30.
Nanking, Gilman's, March 31.
Yuenang, Jardine's, March 31.
Asama Maru, N.Y.K., April 1.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., April 1.
Foshing, Jardine's, April 1.
Mirzapore, P. & O., April 1.
Tinggara, J.C.J.L., April 2.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., April 3.
Col. di Luna, Dodwell's, April 6.
Danmak, Manners, April 6.
Fulda, Melchers, April 6.
Nellore, E. & A., April 6.
Pembrokehire, Jardine's, April 6.
Aeneas, B.F., April 7.
Phenius, B.F., April 7.
Pilana, Dodwell's, April 7.
Kalyan, P. & O., April 7.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., April 10.
Kalyan, P. & O., April 10.
Takada, B.I., April 10.
Agamemnon, B.F., April 12.
General Motzinger, M.M., April 13.
Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.
Vogland, Jensen, April 15.
Kusang, Jardine's, April 17.
Trave, Melchers, April 17.
Heian Maru, N.Y.K., April 19.
Comorin, P. & O., April 24.
Glenluce, Jardine's, April 24.
Sumatra, Gilman's, April 24.
Emp. of Canada, O.P.S., April 25.
Sphinx, M.M., April 27.
Java, Manners, April 28.

SINGAPORE.
Eurylochus, B.F., March 20.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., March 21.
Pica, Garfield, Dollar, March 22.
Somali, P. & O., March 24.
Gange, Dodwell's, March 25.
Tilawa, B.I., March 25.
Hosang, Jardine's, March 26.
Van Heutz, J.C.J.L., March 28.
Genoa Maru, N.Y.K., March 27.
Oregon Star, Dodwell's, March 27.
Morioke Maru, N.Y.K., March 29.
Rawalpindi, P. & O., March 29.
Antung, B. & S., March 29.
Tokushima Maru, N.Y.K., March 30.

SINGAPORE.
Autolyous, B.F., March 31.
D'Artagnan, M.M., March 31.
Mirzapore, P. & O., April 1.
Santhia, B.I., April 2.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., April 4.
Pica, Polk, Dollar, April 5.
Kusang, Jardine's, April 7.
Carnarvonshire, Jardine's, April 8.
Malacca Maru, N.Y.K., April 8.
Karmala, P. & O., April 11.
Hilda, Dodwell's, April 12.
Angers, M.M., April 14.
Kangawa Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.
Taima, B.I., April 14.
Hector, B.F., April 15.
Pilana, Dodwell's, April 19.
Pica, Adams, Dollar, April 19.
Yuenang, Jardine's, April 20.
Franken, Melchers, April 23.
Glenluce, Jardine's, April 27.
Felix Roussel, M.M., April 29.

SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.
Tinhov, Bank, April 10.
Kangawa Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.

SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.
Kangawa Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.
Bokuyou Maru, N.Y.K., April 22.

SWATOW.
Haining, Douglas, March 20.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, March 22.
Kalgan, B. & S., March 22.
Sunning, B. & S., March 22.
Yatsing, Jardine's, March 22.
Sinkiang, B. & S., March 23.
Kueichow, B. & S., March 25.
Kwangang, Jardine's, March 25.
Haiching, Douglas, March 27.
Antung, B. & S., March 29.
Chikang, Jardine's, March 29.
Chipsing, Jardine's, March 29.
Kiangsu, B. & S., March 29.
Soochow, B. & S., March 29.
Foshing, Jardine's, April 1.

TIENTSIN.
Kanchow, B. & S., March 20.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, March 22.
Kueichow, B. & S., March 23.
Kueichow, B. & S., March 25.
Sinkiang, B. & S., March 29.
Huichow, B. & S., April 3.

TRIESTE AND VENICE.
Gange, Dodwell's, March 25.
Hilda, Dodwell's, April 12.
Pilana, Dodwell's, April 19.

TSINGTAO.
Sunning, B. & S., March 22.
Yatsing, Jardine's, March 22.
Sinkiang, B. & S., March 23.
Kwangang, Jardine's, March 25.
Chikang, Jardine's, March 29.
Soochow, B. & S., March 29.
Foshing, Jardine's, April 1.
Aeneas, B.F., April 7.

VANGOUVER, B.C.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., April 1.
Ixion, B.F., April 9.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., April 10.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., April 25.

VICTORIA, B.C.
Hiye Maru, N.Y.K., March 26.
Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., April 1.
Pica, Taft, Dollar, April 5.
Ixion, B.F., April 9.
Pica, Jefferson, A.M.L., April 10.
Heian Maru, N.Y.K., April 19.

CONSIGNEE NOTICES

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO. LTD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVI-
GATION CO. LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Co's Vessel
"TEINSLAS"
FROM UNITED KINGDOM VIA
SINGAPORE
are hereby notified that their Cargo will
be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon,
where it will be at Consignee's risk and
subject to Terms and Conditions of
Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo
will be ready for Delivery from Godown
on and after 18th March.
Optional Cargo will not be landed here,
unless Notice has been given prior to
Vessel's arrival, but carried on from
port to port to the final port of call
to which the option extends.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on any Tuesdays and
Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m.
and Noon, within the Free Storage period,
and No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Vessel's Godown,
and all Goods remaining undelivered after
the 23rd March will be subject to Rent.
All Claims against the Vessel must
be presented to the Underwriter on or
before the 15th April, or they will
not be admitted.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
18th March, 1931. [470]

"GLEN" LINE, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM UNITED KINGDOM VIA
PORTS.

THE Motor Vessel
"GLENLUE"
having arrived from the above Ports.
Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby
informed that all Goods are being landed
at their risk into the Godowns and/or
extra hazardous Godowns of the
Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Company, Limited, whereon,
and/or from the wharves, Delivery may
be obtained.
Goods not cleared by the 24th March,
1931, at Noon, will be subject to Rent.
All broken, chafed and damaged
Packages are to be left in the Godowns
where they will be examined in the pre-
sence of Consignee by Messrs. Godard
& Douglas, on 23rd March, 1931,
at 10 a.m. Claims against the Vessel,
including those for Cargo short delivered
must be presented on the Special Form
provided, and must also be submitted
within 30 days of arrival, otherwise
they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by
us in any case whatever.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1931. [474]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
"OLDENBURG"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are
hereby notified that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk in
the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf &
Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon,
where Delivery can be obtained as the
Goods are landed.
Optional Cargo will be landed, unless
Notice has been given prior to Vessel's
arrival.
No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the
23rd March, 1931, will be subject to
Rent.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on 21st March, 1931,
at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs.
Godard & Douglas.
All Claims must reach us before the
2nd April, 1931, or they will not be
recognized.
No Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned
by the Underwriter.
JEBSEN & CO.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 16th March, 1931. [472]

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES
MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEE NOTICE.
S.S. "ANGERS"

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON
TUESDAY, THE 17th MARCH, 1931.
FROM MARSEILLES, etc.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the
above-named Steamer are hereby
informed that their Goods will be
excepted of Optum, Treasure and Val-
ables are being landed and placed at
their risk in the Godowns of the Hong
Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whereon Delivery can
be obtained as the Goods are landed.
Goods not cleared within 7 days, in-
cluding date of arrival, will be subject to
Rent.
All Claims must be sent to the Under-
writer before Thursday, the 26th Mar.,
1931, or they will not be recognized.
Damaged Packages must be left in
the Godowns for examination by the
Consignee and the Company's Sur-
veyors, Messrs. Godard & Douglas, at
10 a.m. on Monday, the 23rd March,
1931.
No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by
us in any case whatever.
H. OHL,
Agent.
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1931. [480]

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VESSEL	DESTINATION.	LEAVING
M.V. "KULMERLAND" (1)	Genoa, Rotterdam & Hamburg	2 Apr.
S.S. "OLDENBURG" (1)	Genoa, Rotterdam & Hamburg	14 Apr.
M.V. "BURGENLAND" (1)	Genoa, Barcelona, Rotterdam	23 Apr.

Other Ports of Call if Inducement offers.

ARRIVALS FROM EUROPE.

VESSEL	DESTINATION.	ARRIVING
M.V. "ERMLAND" (2)	Genoa, Rotterdam & Hamburg	20 Mar.
M.V. "BURGENLAND" (1)	Genoa, Rotterdam & Hamburg	20 Mar.
M.V. "VOGTLAND" (1)	Genoa, Rotterdam & Hamburg	15 Apr.

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S.S. "TJIKEMBANG" M.S. "TJINEGARA"

31st March. 14th April.

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S.S. "TJISONDARI" M.S. "TJINEGARA"

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DAILY SHARE QUOTATIONS

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE. SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.

Buyers	Sellers	Normal	WEDNESDAY. MARCH 18.	Buyers	Sellers	Normal
Banks						
\$2,025	\$1,680		H.K. Banks	\$2,000	\$1,680	
			Chartered Banks			\$163
			Mercantile Bks. "A"			
\$1161			Do. "C"			\$211
			Bank of East Asia	\$117		
Insurance						
\$1,350			Canal Insurance	\$1,330		
\$850			Underwriters	\$850		
\$830			North China	\$815		
\$835			Union Insurance	\$815		
\$1,335			Yangtze Insurance	\$825		
			China Fire	\$825		
			H.K. Fire	\$1,330		
Shipping						
\$35			Donghai	\$35		
\$40			Steamboats	\$40		
\$30			India (def.)	\$35		
\$37			Shell Transport	\$37		
			Water-works, etc.	\$37		
Mining						
\$10			Benquo	\$10		
\$3.00			Yunnan Gold Fls.	\$3.00		
			Kailash			\$7.6
			Langkate (comb.)			\$7.40
			Do. (single)			\$7.40
			Explorations			\$7.4
			Shanghai Loans			\$8
			Ranbu			\$8
			Tronoh Mines			\$8
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.						
\$173	\$170		H.K. & R. Wharves	\$173		
\$5.30			Providents (old)	\$5.30		
			Do. (new)	\$5.30		
			H.K. Docks	\$5.30		
			South China Wharves	\$5.30		
			Shanghai Docks	\$5.30		
			New Engineering	\$5.30		
			Hongkong	\$5.30		
Land, Hotels, and Buildings						
\$12.90	\$12.90		H.K. & S. Hotels	\$12.90		
\$85			H.K. Land	\$85		
			Shanghai Land	\$85		
\$3.80			H.K. Realty	\$3.80		
\$19.80			Humphreys, etc.	\$19.80		
			Do. rights			
			Chinese Estates			
Cotton Mills						
T.144	T.144		Ewos	T.144		
T.99			Shai Cottons	T.99		
			Zong Sing			
Public Utilities						
\$17.70	\$17.60		Tramways	\$17.60		
\$8			Peak Tram (old)	\$8		
\$8			Do. (new)	\$8		
\$8			Star Ferry	\$8		
\$8			China Lights	\$8		
\$8			H.K. Electric	\$8		
\$8			Macao do	\$8		
\$8			Sandakan Lights	\$8		
\$8			Telephones (fully pd)	\$8		
\$8			Do. (part pd)	\$8		
\$8			China Buses	\$8		
\$8			Tractions	\$8		
\$8			Do. (pref.)	\$8		
Industrials						
T.124			Caldbeck	T.124		
T.114			Macgregors	T.114		
\$3.30			Canton Ice	\$3.30		
\$3.30			Coments (comb.)	\$3.30		
\$3.30			Do. (old)	\$3.30		
\$3.30			Do. (new)	\$3.30		
\$3.30			Ropes	\$3.30		
\$3.30			China Sugars	\$3.30		
\$3.30			Malayan Sugars	\$3.30		
Miscellaneous						
\$3.30			Dairy Farms (old)	\$3.30		
\$3.30			Do. (new)	\$3.30		
\$3.30			Der A. Wings	\$3.30		
\$3.30			Amusements, etc. rights	\$3.30		
\$3.30			Do. (old)	\$3.30		
\$3.30			Do. (new)	\$3.30		
\$3.30			Chin. Entertainment	\$3.30		
\$3.30			Constructions	\$3.30		
\$3.30			Lane Crawfords	\$3.30		
\$3.30			Mackintosh	\$3.30		
\$3.30			Nanyang Tobacco	\$3.30		
\$3.30			Sincere	\$3.30		
\$3.30			Watsons	\$3.30		
\$3.30			Wm. Powell	\$3.30		
\$3.30			B. Ind. G.S. Bonds	\$3.30		
\$3.30			H.K. Govt. Loans	\$3.30		

LOCAL AND REGULAR OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	WEEK DAYS	SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS
FROM	FROM	FROM
G.P.O.	SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI
G.P.O.	SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI
Canton	7.15 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.	7.15 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.
Macao & Timor	7.15 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.	7.15 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.
Kongkong (except Saturdays)	6.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Kankong (except Saturdays)	6.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Falalan (By Train)	7.15 a.m.	7.15 a.m.
Tai O	6.00 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.	6.00 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.
Tai Po	6.00 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.	6.00 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.
Chungshan	6.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Cheungchow	6.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Aburden	6.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Stapley	6.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Avon, Pongshan, Sapin, Shatin, Shataukok, and Shinghai	6.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Balkung	6.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Samoa, Shetti & Taping	6.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Yumla	6.00 p.m.	6.00 p.m.

FOREIGN MAILS

RADIO NOTICE

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic address at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this.

Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS.

FROM	PER	DATE
SHANGHAI and EUROPE via Siberia (London, 22nd February)	Euroclous	19th Mar.
EUROPE via NIKAPATAM (Letters only, London, 19th Feb.)	Soudan	19th Mar.
JAPAN, SHANGHAI and EUROPE via Siberia (London, 22nd Feb.)	Suwa Maru	20th Mar.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Shingo Maru	20th Mar.
CANADA, U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN and SHANGHAI (Vancouver, B.C., 28th Feb.)	Emp. of Japan	30th Mar.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN and SHANGHAI (San Francisco, 20th February)	Pres. Garfield	21st Mar.
EUROPE via NIKAPATAM (Letters only, London, 19th February)	Telma	22nd Mar.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN and SHANGHAI (San Francisco, 27th Feb.)	Pres. Jackson	23rd Mar.
LONDON via only (London, 18th Feb.)	Alchies	24th Mar.
JAVA and MANILA	Xiphat	25th Mar.

OUTWARD MAILS.

REGISTERED and PARCEL MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 8 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

FOR	PER	DATE AND TIME
Holbow, Pakhoi and Haiphong ... Rabaul ... Rabaul ... Straits ... Fort Jayard ... Swatow ... Amoy ... Shanghai, Japan and *EUROPE via Siberia Haigou ... Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island - due Thursday Island, 9th March ...	Menado Maru ... Gremphagen ... Gremphagen ... Hamburg Maru ... Wing Lee ... Hydrangas ... Twinai ... Soudan ... Grototo ...	Thursday, 18th, 8.30 A 11.30 A M 1.30 P M 2.30 P M 3.30 P M 3.30 P M 3.30 P M 4.30 P M Far. 5.00 P M Reg. 10th, 9.45 A M Letters 10.45 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ... Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and EU ROPE via, Marselles - due Marselles, 18th April ...	Hai Ning ... Suwa Maru ...	Friday, 24th, 2.00 P M Kooloon P.O. Reg. 4.30 P M Let. 21st, 9.00 A M G.P.O. Reg. 21st, 9.45 A M Letters 9.30 A M
Holbow, Pakhoi and Haiphong ... Manila ...	Lamchev ... Emp. of Japan ...	Saturday, 25th, 8.30 A 3.30 P M
Bangkok via Swatow ... Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ... Manila ...	Kolan ... Hizan Maru ... Shinyo Maru ...	Sunday, 26th, 9.00 A 9.00 A 9.00 A
Japan, Honolulu, *Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America, and *EUROPE via San Francisco - due San Francisco, 15th April ...	Pres. Pierce ...	Monday, 23rd, P. o. 3.00 P M Letters 3.15 P M Reg. 5.00 P M Letters 5.00 P M
Shanghai and *EUROPE via Siberia ...	Pres. Pierce ...	Letters 5.00 P M
Holbow and Bangkok ... Batavia ... Swatow ...	Chinhua ... Thapsad ... Koonghay ...	Tuesday, 24th, 10.30 A 10.30 A 5.00 P M
Shanghai, Japan, *Canada, U.S.A., C. and South America and *EUROPE via Victoria, B.O. - due Victoria, B.O., 15th April and *EUROPE via Siberia	Hiye Maru ...	Wednesday, 25th, Reg. 5.00 P M Let. 26th, 9.30 A M
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island - due Thursday Island, 6th April ...	Atsuta Maru ...	Thursday, 26th, Reg. 8.45 A M Letters 9.30 A M Parcels Noon Letters 1.00 P M
Straits and Calcutta ...	Hosang ...	Friday, 27th, 1.00 P M Kooloon P.O. Parcels 4.30 P M Reg. 28th, 9.00 A M Letters 10.00 A M G.P.O. Par 27th, 5.00 P M Reg. 28th, 9.45 A M Letters 10.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ...	Hat Ohing ...	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marselles - due Mar- selles 26th April ...	Rawalpindi ...	

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

AMOI & SHANGHAI	"TSINAN"	On 19th Mar.	5 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 19th Mar.	5 p.m.
F'CHOW, SHAI, CHEFOO & T'CHIN	"KANCHOW"	On 20th Mar.	5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUNNING"	On 22nd Mar.	9 a.m.
SWATOW & HANGKOW	"KALGAN"	On 22nd Mar.	11 a.m.
SWATOW, SHAI, NEWCHANG & DAI	"LIANGHONG"	On 23rd Mar.	5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SINKIANG"	On 24th Mar.	Noon
HONGKOW & HANGKOW	"CHINHUA"	On 24th Mar.	Noon
SWATOW, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUBICHOW"	On 25th Mar.	8 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"TAIYUAN"	On 25th Mar.	6 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"KINGHONG"	On 27th Mar.	Noon
HONGKOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"KINGHONG"	On 27th Mar.	Noon
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG"	On 28th Mar.	6 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"BOOCHOW"	On 29th Mar.	9 a.m.
SWATOW & HANGKOW	"KIANGSU"	On 29th Mar.	11 a.m.
FOOCHOW, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 3rd Apr.	4 p.m.
HONGKOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"KINGYUAN"	On 11th Apr.	Noon

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TAIPING	18th May	19th May	22nd May	7th June
CHANGTE	12th June	19th June	22nd June	8th July

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STATION	MARCH 17, 1931.										MARCH 18, 1931									
	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Humidity	Wind	Direction	Force	Direction	Force	Direction	Force	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Humidity	Wind	Direction	Force	Direction	Force	Direction	Force
Windsorstock	12	30.28	76.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nomuro	11	30.14	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hakodate	...	30.28	76.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tokio	...	30.10	76.4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kobe	...	29.98	76.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nagasaki	...	29.92	76.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kagoshima	...	29.84	75.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oshima	...	29.98	76.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naha	...	30.02	76.3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ishigakijima	...	30.10	76.4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bonin Island	...	30.41	77.4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chafco	15	30.30	76.6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shanghai	14	30.39	77.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guizhou	...	30.19	76.6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wenchow	...	30.07	76.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Foochow	...	30.07	76.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Amoy	...	30.10	76.4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Swatow	...	30.02	76.2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taihou	...	29.98	76.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taihu	...	29.99	76.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tsinan	...	29.99	76.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kashu	...	29.99	76.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pescadore	...	29.99	76.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hong Kong	14	29.94	76.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gap Rock	...	29.92	76.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Macao	...	29.89	75.9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hoihow	...	29.90	75.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pratas Island	...	29.92	76.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Phulien	15	29.88	75.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tourane	...	29.82	75.4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cape St. James	...	29.87	75.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rasoo	14	29.90	75.9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Apurri	...	29.85	75.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuguegarao	...	29.84	75.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vigan	...	29.88	75.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manila	...	29.82	75.4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Legaspi	...	29.85	75.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Calbayog	...	29.85	75.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tacloban	...	29.82	75.4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Iloilo	...	29.87	75.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cebu	...	29.83	75.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Surigao	...	29.84	75.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Saipan	11.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guam	12.22	29.85	75.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Yap	11.00	29.83	75.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pelaw	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.81	75.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

March 18th. 10A. 20m.—The anticyclone is central to the north of the lower Yangtze Valley.

The depression has passed to the east of Tokyo.

Strong monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 1.17 inch. Total since January 1, 3.89 inches, against an average of 4.58 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON MARCH 19.

District.

- 1.—Formosa Channel
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamocks
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan

N.E. winds; strong; fair.

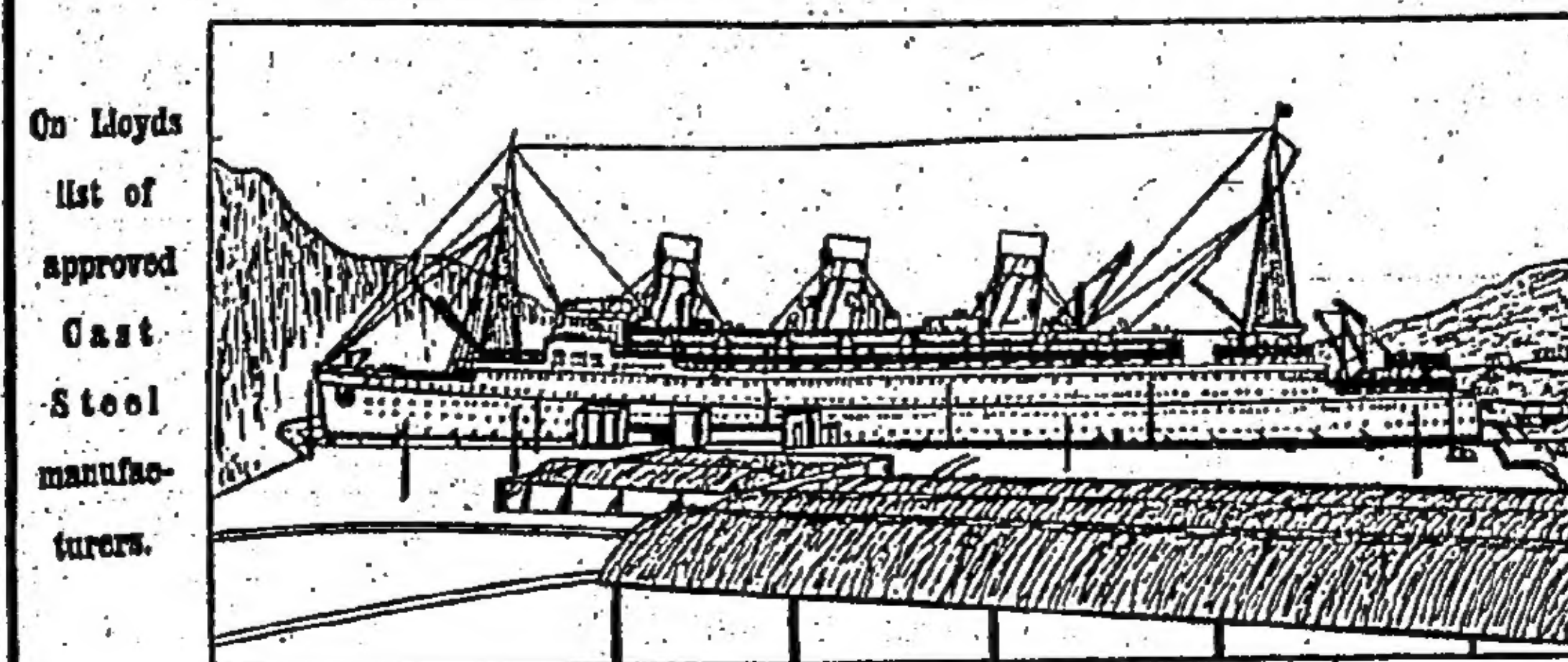
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To	STEAMSHIP	DATE
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"YATSHING" "KWONGSANG" "OHAKSANG" "FOOSHING"	Sun., 22nd Mar., at 7 a.m. Wed., 25th Mar., at 7 a.m. Sun., 28th Mar., at 7 a.m. Wed., 1st Apr., at 7 a.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"HOSANG" "KUTSANG" "YUENSANG"	Thurs., 26th Mar., at 3 p.m. Tues., 7th Apr., at 3 p.m. Mon., 20th Apr., at 3 p.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, SHAI & KOBE	"YUENSANG"	Tues., 31st Mar., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, SHAI, MOJI & KOBE	"KUMSANG"	Fri., 17th Apr., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE	"SUISANG"	Satur., 25th Apr., at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG" "HINSANG"	Satur., 4th Apr., at Noon Fri., 10th Apr., at Noon
TIENTSIN via SWATOW	"OHONGSHING"	Sun., 22nd Mar., at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN via SWATOW & FOOCHOW	"CHIPSING"	Sun., 29th Mar., at 7 a.m.

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IMPORTS 18,700 TONS;
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25,300 TONS.

The returns, shown at the Harbour Office, of vessels carrying cargo to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

Cargo for Through
H.K. Ports.

British Antenor, 2,474

Chinhua, Bangkok 1,300

Kanchow, Shanghai 577 739

Hong Peng, Amoy 500

Haining, Foochow 350

Hydrangea, Swatow 104

American Iowa, Portland 1,479 1,021

Golden Star, Los Angeles 2,521 2,401

Dutch Tjondari, Sourabaya 7,530 526

Italian Venezia, La, Moji 2,725

French Angers, Marseilles 110 990

Athos II, Yokohama 40 307

Norwegian Tai Yang, Manila 5,100

Japanese Horan Maru, Swatow 830

Hamburg Maru, Sakito 839 5,639

Ronan Maru, Port Arthur 980 2,798

Chinese Wong Shek, Kung, Saigon 1,700

Tak Hing, Autau 300

Total 18,749 25,308

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were:

	Arr.	Dep.
British	8	0
American	2	0
Dutch	1	1
Italian	1	1
French	2	4
Norwegian	1	1
Japanese	4	3
Chinese	2	3
Total	10	22

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following merchant vessels were in port yesterday:—

Wharves:—Kowloon: Empress of Russia, Kamo Maru, Glenluce, Hamburg Maru, Tatsuta Maru, Amur Maru, Holt's, Antenor, Teitens, A. P. C. Takoktani, Utracht, Maridino, Matsuo's, Yatsushiro, Oaka, Shosen, Kaisha, Monado Maru, Hozan Maru, Saito Maru, Sun On.
Docks:—Kowloon: Susan II, Pronto, Prosper, Seals Shell, Wai-shing, Taikoo, Kueichow, Shun Oh, Senan Maru, Cosmopolitan, Corato.
Buoys:—A3 Tai Yang, A4 Tjondari, A7 Taiping, A8 Van Heutz, A9 Hiye Maru, A12 Hong Peng, B8 Wong Shek Kung, B14 Kanchow, B16 Kalgan, B17 Yuan Lee, B18 Chungkong, B19 Wing Lee, B20 Chinhua, B22 Hineang, B23 Lye-moon, B25 Cape St. Francis, B26 Tihnow, B27 Nishin Maru, B28 Apoc, O Helios, C3 Bremerhaven, C4 Hermod, C5 Halvard, C7 Nittaka Maru, C9 nozan Maru.

CLEARANCES.

March 18.

Chungking, for Tourang.
Hong Peng, for Singapore.
Halvard, for Saigon.
Kanchow, for Canton.
Kojan Maru, for Canton.
Lye-moon, for Singapore.
Monado Maru, for Pakhoi.
Nishin Maru, No. 3, for Keelung.
Pronto, for Shanghai.
Tijkenbang, for Amoy.
Tai Yang, for Shanghai.
Yendai Maru, for Dairen.
Yuan Lee, for Swatow.

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Chinhua (British) Bangkok, Hoihow	74
Hong Peng (British) Amoy, Swatow	404
Haining (British) Foochow, Swatow	598
Hydrangea (British) Swatow, Tjondari (Dutch) Sourabaya	1,422
Angers (French) Marseilles, Saigon	127
Athos II. (French) Yokohama, Shanghai	70
Hozan Maru (Japanese) Keelung, Swatow	355
Tak Hing (Chinese) Autau	54
Total	3,176

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"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	28th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KARMA"	16,619	1st Apr.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"KALYAN"	16,619	11th Apr.	Mars, L'don, Hull, B'ham, & A'werp
"KALYAN"	16,619	25th Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	16,619	29th Apr.	L'don, Hull, B'ham, & A'werp
"KALYAN"	16,619	3rd May	Mars, L'don, Hull, B'ham, & A'werp
"KALYAN"	16,619	17th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	16,619	31st May	Mars, L'don, Hull, B'ham, & A'werp
"KALYAN"	16,619	14th June	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	16,619	28th June	Mars, L'don, Hull, B'ham, & A'werp
"KALYAN"	16,619	12th July	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	16,619	26th July	Mars, L'don, Hull, B'ham, & A'werp
"KALYAN"	16,619	9th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	16,619	23rd Aug.	Mars, L'don, Hull, B'ham, & A'werp
"KALYAN"	16,619	6th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	16,619	20th Sept.	Mars, L'don, Hull, B'ham, & A'werp
"KALYAN"	16,619	4th Oct.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	16,619	18th Oct.	Mars, L'don, Hull, B'ham, & A'werp
"KALYAN"	16,619	31st Oct.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
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"TALMA"	10,000	14th Apr.	do.
"TAKADA"	6,948	2nd May	do.
"SIRDEANA"	7,746	11th May	do.
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"SANTHA"	7,764	11th June	do.

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"TALMA"	10,000	24th Mar.	—	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KIDDERPORE"	6,334	28th Mar.	—	Moji & Kobe
"RAJPUTANA"	16,688	27th Mar.	—	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
"NELLORE"	6,958	3rd Apr.	—	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama
"TAKADA"	6,948	10th Apr.	—	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KALYAN"	16,619	10th Apr.	—	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama
"SIRDEANA"	7,746	22nd Apr.	—	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"COMORIN"	16,182	24th Apr.	—	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"TILAWA"	10,000	6th May	—	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KASHMIR"	6,958	8th May	—	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"TANDA"	6,958	8th May	—	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama
"SANTHA"	7,764	22nd May	—	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KANPURA"	16,001	22nd May	—	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"KASHMIR"	6,958	6th June	—	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	12th June	—	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	12th June	—	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama
"KEYBER"	6,144	3rd July	—	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"NELLORE"	6,958	8th July	—	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama
"RAJPUTANA"	16,688	17th July	—	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
"KARMALA"	9,128	31st July	—	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"CATHAY"	16,121	14th Aug.	—	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"KALYAN"	16,619	28th Aug.	—	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama
"KALYAN"	16,619	11th Sept.	—	do.
"KASHMIR"	6,958	18th Sept.	—	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
"NALDERA"	16,061	10th Oct.	—	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama
"MAURDONIA"	11,120	24th Oct.	—	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
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LIMA MARU ... Monday, 13th April

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Hong Kong Observatory, March 14.

	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
	at 4 p.m.	at 10 a.m.	at 4 p.m.
Barometer...	29.95	30.12	30.03
Temperature...	60	62	61
Humidity...	98	78	78
Wind...			
Direction...	ESE	E	E
Force...	4	5	6
Weather...	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Rain...	0.04	0.00	0.12
Highest open-air Temperature...	17.0		
Lowest open-air Temperature...	18.1		

B-Blue sky; C-Cloudy; D-Drizzle; F-Fog; L-Lightning; M-Mist; O-Overcast; P-Passing showers; Q-Squalls; R-Rain; T-Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From March 19 to 25, 1931.

Days of Week	Date	High Water	Low Water	High Water	Low Water
Thurs.	19	10.25	5.25	10.45	5.15
Fri.	20	10.45	5.15	10.45	5.15
Sat.	21	11.05	5.05	10.45	5.15
Sun.	22	11.25	4.55	10.45	5.15
Mon.	23	11.45	4.45	10.45	5.15
Tues.	24	12.05	4.35	10.45	5.15
Wed.	25	12.25	4.25	10.45	5.15

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Kowloon,
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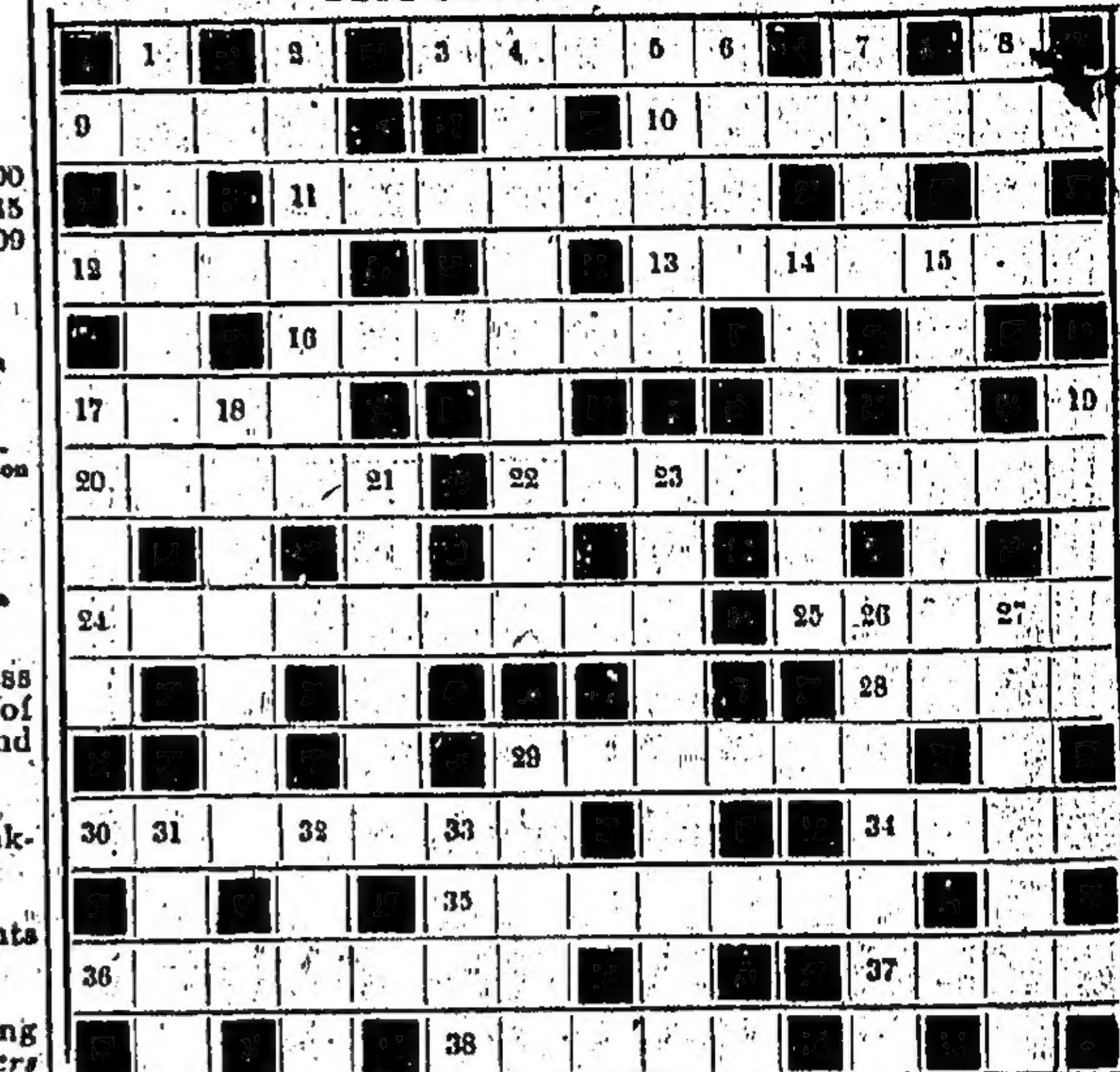
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CLUES.

- Across.
- From here one goes to Kanderah.
 - A sinister slope.
 - A Mrs. of theatrical fame.
 - They break this in out West.
 - The "Morris" or "Daimler" of the future.
 - This sort of disease may be described as local.
 - This awful upset has weight in sport.
 - Hence the dentist.
 - Recall, with him, "It's Never Too Late to Mend."
 - A modernised old Roman town of Yorkshire.
 - You could scarcely travel much farther away on earth.
 - You are deceived when you are this in.
 - This is, after 25 across.
 - A Shakespearean Princess.
 - In seeking this animal, you almost wander from your subject.
 - Lovers of the "Ring" know him as "Wotan."
 - This belongs to the kitchen garden.
 - It is risky to do this in a total stranger.
 - Another letter would make this artist of little account.
 - A remark in an undertone.
- Down.
- A modern poet might here be of this.
 - "Thruched"—the Lancastrian could say.
 - Commented visibly.
 - An important person at many functions.
 - Any great figure reduced to, or raised to, a quadruped.
 - This instrument almost puts you in a whirl.
 - The opposing part of 24 across.
 - Pour off gently.
 - If you do not make a this, you never make anything.
 - A member of a heretic sect.
 - You stop in doing this.
 - A gift of a famous General.
 - This, with an accent, is an explanation to you.
 - Just played about.
 - Don't let yourself be this with mere trifles.
 - Make restitution—or take punishment.
 - The Prince is now their Lord.
 - A man of this is certainly a stout fellow.
 - Such a break is generally associated with an instrument.
 - A useful addition to many liquids.

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